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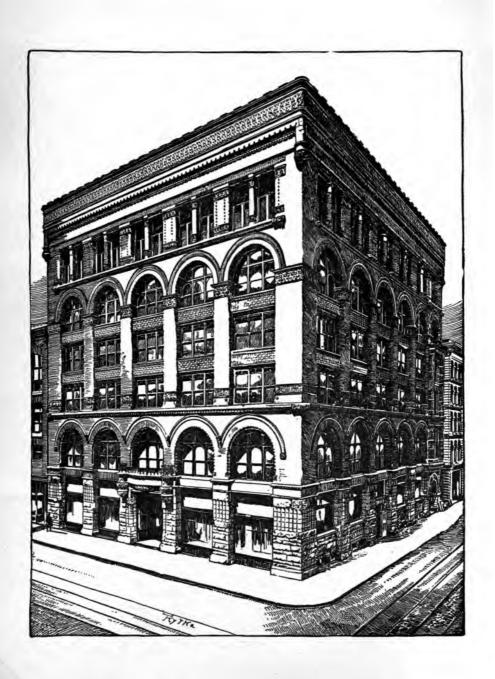
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### FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# BOARD OF DIRECTION

ST. LOUIS

# MERCANTILE LIBRARY

ASSOCIATION.

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### FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1846-7	-		-		-		-		-		-	JA	MES E. YEATMAN.
1848-9		-		-		-		-		-		- AI	FRED VINTON.
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1878-9		-		-		-		-		-		- R.	R. Hutchinson.
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1882-3		-		-		-		-		-		- R	DBERT E. CARR.
1884-5	-		-		-		-		-		-	Re	BERT S. BROOKINGS
1886-7		-		-		-		-		-		- W	ILLIAM L. SCOTT.
1888-9	-		-		-		-		-		-	Re	BERT S. BROOKINGS.

# IN MEMORIAM.

The unusual delay in the publication of this year's report has been occasioned by the illness and death of MR. JOHN N. DYER, who had filled the position of Actuary of this institution since April, 1860, and that of Librarian since February, 1862. To his zealous and untiring energy in the administration of the affairs of the Association, both financial and literary, the library owes its success and growth during that long period. When to his official duties were added the arduous labors connected with our new building enterprise; when, with self-devoted assiduity, he worked day after day, and night after night, to hasten the removing of the library into its new rooms, the re-arranging of the books, and the re-opening of the institution to the public, denying himself the rest from labor which nature requires, he subjected himself to a nervous strain which, when he succumbed to a serious illness, proved to have so enfeebled him as to have rendered it impossible for him to rally and recover. The fatal attack came upon him in March last, and after several alternations of partial recovery and relapse, ended his useful career on July 3d, 1889.

At a special meeting of the Board of Direction, called for the purpose and held July 10th, 1889, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Board of Direction of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association record with profound sorrow the death of their friend and colleague, John N. Dyer, for 27 years Librarian and Actuary of the Association.

While recognizing that the St. Louis Mercantile Library is John N. Dyer's sufficient monument, it is due that the directory, whose love and confidence he entirely possessed, should also place on record the tribute of their respect and admiration. To the nobility of his character, the beneficence of his work and the confidence which both inspired in the public mind, is largely due the great position of the association; to its welfare he devoted the power of his mind and the energies of his life; with absolute unselfishness, untiring diligence and unconquerable courtesy he administered its affairs; to young and old, to ignorant and learned, to rich and poor, he rendered the same uniformly gracious and respectful service; to the student, the homeless, and the stranger he made the library a refuge and a solace. He was a gentleman of the ancient school, brave, self-sacrificing, gentle and true, who by his blameless life and manners won for the Mercantile Library the respect and admiration of the people. To the public and to the library his death is a calamity which cannot soon be repaired.

To his family, suffering a sorer bereavement, we tender our heartfelt sympathy, recognizing in his death a common loss and a common grief, yet reminding them for their comfort of their rich inheritance in the unblemished record of his life.

Resolved, That this action of the Board of Directors be spread upon the records and that a copy of the same, suitably engrossed, be sent to Mrs. Dyer, and that it be published in the daily papers. October 1, 1889.

### FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

JANUARY 8, 1889.

ROOMS OF THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 8, 1889.

The forty-third annual meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was called to order by the President, Mr. Robert S. Brookings, upon whose motion Mr. Alfred Carr was called to the chair, and Messrs. B. S. Adams and H. H. Wernse were appointed secretaries.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Mr. John R. Lionberger, Treasurer, submitted his report of receipts and disbursements during the year ending December 31, 1888.

On motion of Mr. C. R. Stinde, the report was received and adopted.

The President submitted the report of the Board of Direction for the past year, which, on motion of Mr. C. R. Stinde, was unanimously accepted.

Judge Charles Speck offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: —

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be hereby tendered and expressed to the Board of Direction, for the great zeal and devotion shown by them in the erection of the new building and in the able manner in which the financial operations involved were carried out, and especially in the fine arrangements made in the reading-room.

On motion of Judge Speck, it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the city papers for publication, and that one thousand copies of the same be printed in pamphlet form for circulation.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

ALFRED CARR, Chairman.

B. S. Adams, H. H. Wernse, Secretaries.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 8, 1889.

### GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of my receipts and disbursements during the year ending December 31, 1888, and the present financial condition of the Association, viz.:—

EXHIBIT "A" — CASH ACCOUNT.

EXHIBIT "B" - BALANCE SHEET.

EXHIBIT "C" — PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

THE ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN R. LIONBERGER, TREASURER.

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		Hydraulic elevators
December 31, 1888.		Plate glass 9,481
		Heating and ventilating
To Initiation fees \$353 00		
" Life members 450 00		
" Proprietors 1,508 50		Architect and superintend't
" Clerks 2,395 50		
2,304		
4,645	11,656 00	" Incandescent electric lights 3,500 00
	•	" Syenite granite 3,400 00
BONDS PAYABLE ACCOUNT.		Electric wiring 2,200
		Gas and electric fixtures 1,791
" Conn. Mut. Life Ins. Co	160,000 00	Automatic engines 1,500
		" Fire-proofing steam pipes. 675 00
		Flagging (75
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.		525
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"B"—BALANCE SHEET.

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# "C" - PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

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Very respectfully,

JOHN R. LIONBERGER,
Treasurer.

### FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

### GENTLEMEN:

It is with sincere regret and disappointment that your Board of Directors has called you to hold this, your Fortythird Annual Meeting in this narrow vestibule. They had fully expected to meet you this evening in your new reading-room, amid the brilliancy and beauty of your new home. But it could not be. Determined as they have been not to open the Library to its members until everything should be in perfect order, they find the rooms this evening still lacking many finishing touches from the hands that are fitting and adorning them; while the rearranging and re-shelving of the books will require some days yet for their completion. The work of removal from the temporary quarters on Tenth and Locust streets was begun December third, and, while the reading-room was continued open until the end of the year, the issue and return of books has been suspended since December third. Your librarian and his assistants have used their utmost endeavors to expedite matters; but it has proved to be a task far more onerous than any one could have anticipated. No one, unfamiliar with library work, can form any conception of what it is to transport, re-arrange, and re-shelve seventy thousand volumes; to move every shelf up or down and secure it in its place; to locate every volume in its proper

class and alphabetical order — it is like arraying a vast army of men where each individual requires separate care and treatment We trust, however, that the end is not far off, and that a few days hence will witness the opening of the new Library, upon the threshold of which you are compelled to pause to-night.

It seems fitting, however, that at this meeting we should present to you, as briefly as possible, yet as completely as is consistent with brevity, a description of the new home so nearly ready for your occupancy, as well as a historical sketch of the efforts that have been made and the steps that have been taken to produce this final and excellent result.

I have before me two annual reports presented, several years apart, to your Association: The Ninth annual report, read on the evening of January 9, 1855; and the twenty-fifth, read January 10, 1871. The former commemorates the occupation of the first library building which was erected on the present site, and I read in it as follows: "We have witnessed the completion and taken possession of what we trust is to be our permanent home; and on this the ninth anniversary of our existence, we meet within the walls of a building erected expressly for our use, at a cost of one hundred and forty thousand dollars, with accommodations more ample in their extent and better in their arrangements than are possessed by any similar institution in this country."

The latter report memorializes the quarter-centennial anniversary of the founding of the institution, and is accompanied by an address from Mr. James E. Yeatman, its first president, wherein he says: "Those who have been familiar with the wants and necessities of the library have been reporting from year to year that a new home would be required for their rapidly growing charge; that the building which sufficed during childhood would be insufficient for the full grown man. Besides, the building is not fire-

proof, and surrounded and occupied as it is, we are liable to have its treasures destroyed in a night."

And this only sixteen years after the library had settled down in what had been expected to be its permanent home. From this date on, year after year, every annual report to your Association reiterates the necessity for safer and more commodious accommodations. The revenue of the library, too, that had at first been largely dependent upon the rentals of the large hall (the finest in the city, if not in the West, at the time of its erection) had begun to find that source failing it, as other halls of readier access were built. Though many plans for providing a new and safe building were, from time to time, proposed, it was not until 1884 that any definite action was taken. In that year a plan submitted by Mr. James E. Yeatman was suggested to your Board of Trustees and met with their unanimous approval. At a special meeting of the board held March 18, 1884, it was embodied in the form of the following resolution: —

"Resolved, That the Board of Directors submit to the Association, at its next annual meeting, an amendment to the constitution, creating a 'Perpetual Membership,' the price of which shall be one hundred dollars, negotiable and transferable to such party as may have been approved by the Board of Direction, which membership shall perpetually entitle the owner to all the privileges of regular or beneficiary membership, as regulated by articles 3 and 5 of the constitution of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association."

This resolution was unanimously adopted by the Association, and the amendment therein recommended was made Article VII. of the constitution. The scheme thus set on foot was carried to success by the strenuous exertions of the Board of Direction, aided morally and pecuniarily by their many warm and zealous friends. At your annual meeting held January 11, 1887, it was reported that the sum of \$111,700 had been realized from the sale of per-

The total amount to date is \$114,400. petual memberships. A list of the purchasers of these appears as Appendix B to this report. It will be seen that two gentlemen took one hundred memberships, paying each ten thousand dollars; three others took fifty each, paying five thousand dollars, while forty others took ten (and paid one thousand dollars) each; smaller amounts were taken by many individuals. Apart from the aid thus offered to your association, it may well be questioned whether these gentlemen ever invested sums of money more wisely and philanthropically. Retaining their absolute ownership of the memberships in perpetuity, they may, from time to time, confer their benefits upon worthy individuals — upon their clerks as rewards of merit and stimulants to faithful duty; upon students, to whom the privilege will be a godsend; in every instance bestowing the highest kind of charity, as it is one that ministers to the intellectual and spiritual advantage of its recipients.

In compliance with a resolution adopted by your Association in a special meeting November 27, 1886, your Board decided to commence the erection of the new building, and at the beginning of the year 1887 the library was removed to the old Pope mansion, on the southwest corner of Tenth and Locust streets, where it found a comfortable domicile for two years.

The designs and plans submitted by Mr. Henry G. Isaacs were adopted and he was appointed architect and superintendent of the work. The demolition of the old building was begun January 24, 1887, and the erection of the new begun as soon as possible and pushed forward with the utmost vigor.

The corner-stone was laid June 1, 1887, by Mr. Henry Shaw, the oldest retired merchant in the city, and appropriate addresses were delivered by Gov. E. O. Stanard and Prof. M. S. Snow of Washington University.

The lot upon which the building stands and which has a frontage of 114 feet 4 inches on Broadway by 127 feet 9 inches on Locust street, was bought in 1851 for \$25,500.

The building, six stories in height, is described as Romanesque in style, with a broad massive treatment. As to materials, it is constructed of granite, brick, terra cotta, and iron. The lower story is of red granite from the quarries of the Syenite Granite Company near Graniteville, Mo., with a general rough quarry-faced treatment, set off by carved ornamentation. The upper stories are of brick; the capitals, bases, and archivolts of the round arches are of terra cotta, the two materials forming also the parapet cornice which crowns the edifice. The building is thoroughly fire-proof throughout, its interior columns, floor beams, and girders being of iron, protected by burnt clay tiles, while floors and roof are filled in between the beams with burnt clay, hollow tile, flat arches, so that the danger that had menaced the library for so many years is at last and finally escaped.

With the exception of a room on the fifth floor which has been reserved for the meetings of your board of directors, and a reception room on the first floor, the whole of the five lower stories were leased in December, 1886, for a term of ten years, and at a satisfactory rental, to the Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney Dry Goods Company, and in compliance with the terms of the lease were accepted by them on August 1, 1888. The library occupies the whole of the sixth floor, and I can only here reiterate my regret that you are not sitting on that floor to-night viewing the picture which we can but inadequately describe.

The entrance to the library at the northwest corner of the building, of granite, round arched, with columns and richly carved capitals, which has admitted you to this vestibule or reception room; this room, itself, with its marble floor and walls and ceiling paneled in quartered oak; the elevator which opens into it, so often an unsightly object, but here, with its elegant appointments and the bright, artistic framework of latticed brass through which it runs, forming a thoroughly ornamental feature; these preliminaries may give you some anticipations of what is to be seen above. When this rapid hydraulic elevator shall carry you, in the space of twelve seconds, to the sixth story, you will find yourselves in one of the best appointed libraries in our country.

From the elevator you step into the issue-room, a large and lofty apartment, brilliantly lighted and receiving a bright, cheerful aspect from the panels and richly carved pilasters of polished oak, the furniture of the same hue and material, the brass lattice work and the decorated walls which adorn it and which are repeated as features of every other room. It is floored with marble tiles and in the center will stand the catalogue case, from which selection of books may be made, while paintings and statues add to its attractions. Here visitors may repose luxuriously and converse while waiting for books. In a deep alcove in the southeast corner of this room stands the issue-desk of carved oak, flanked with iron gates ornamented in grille work, similar in pattern to that which forms a marked feature of the reading-room. Toilet rooms for ladies and for gentlemen open out of the issue-room. Out of the issue-desk alcove two doors open, the one on the west conducting to the librarian's office and to the closely adjoining work-room just beyond it, while the assistant passing through the eastern door finds himself at once in the spacious book-room.

The book-room occupies more than half the floor, having its front southward. Its entire space is taken up by double book-cases, back to back, with aisles three feet wide between, the shelves being held in their places by staples easily removable and fitting into grooves in the bottoms of

the shelves, thus economizing space and preventing injury to the tops of the books. These cases are eight feet high, and as the highest shelf is never more than seven feet six inches from the floor the inconvenience of step-ladders is avoided. The room is lighted by windows on three sides and by a sky-light, thirty by fifty feet in dimensions, that sheds a flood of light, not only over this room, but also over the issue-desk, the student's room, and the reading-room.

In all the aisles between the book-cases incandescent electric lights, eight feet apart, are suspended by electric cords from automatic spring rollers, and may be drawn down to the floor, passed to and fro from end to end and from top to bottom of each book-case, and restored by a motion of the hand to their positions. The present cases will probably accommodate more than one hundred and twenty-five thousand volumes, which capacity may be almost doubled by the easily feasible erection on their tops of a second tier reached by ladders and by light, narrow walks or balconies; so that you will have to possess a quarter of a million volumes before the question of where to bestow your books can again arise.

At the northeast corner of the book-room a space has been partitioned off as a student's reference room. The partitions consist of book-cases, eight feet high, similar to those throughout the book-room, allowing the radiance from the sky-light to pervade the apartment. There are three doors to the room, all of which are kept constantly locked, as well when the room is occupied as when it is empty. Two of these doors open into the book-room; the other, by which the student enters and departs, communicates with the reading-room. Any person, desirous of studying or reading up on any subject, may order at the issue-desk all the books on that subject which the library contains and they will be taken into the reference-room

and placed on the open shelves, where they will be allowed to remain until the student gives notice of the completion of his researches. On application at the desk he is admitted into this room and locked in; by touching an electric button he gives notice of his desire to leave and is released. This room will supply a want long felt, and will, it is hoped, be in frequent demand by literary and scientific students.

At the eastern side of the issue-room, two wide doors admit the visitor into the reading-room. Upon the adornment, but yet more upon the conveniences of this hall, the utmost care and study have been bestowed. Nothing has been omitted that could conduce to its beauty, or enhance its comforts. Light, heat, ventilation and comfortable furniture, all in perfection, are the essentials of a model reading-room; and these have been abundantly provided. On the north and east sides of the room are twelve windows, six feet by twelve in dimensions, making seventy-two feet in length by twelve feet in height of glass. On the south side of the room the partitions that separate it from the book-room are ten feet high, the remaining space to the ceiling being filled with ornamental open iron grille work, which the sky-light converts into other windows as lightgiving as those that open on the streets. The room, in common with the whole floor, is heated by steam, but at its southeastern extremity, a large old-fashioned fire-place has been constructed of buff terra cotta and tiles, surmounted by a chimney-piece of oak, reaching to the cornice of the ceiling, richly carved and with a large niche suitable for some decorative specimen of art. In this fire-place a wood fire may be kept burning during the cold weather, serving the threefold purpose of adding to the warmth of the room, to its cheerfulness, and to its ventilation; although the last named benefit is otherwise amply secured by grated openings along the southern wall, extending into a large

aspirating shaft that ascends to the roof. The furniture has been made upon original designs; the large oaken armchairs are models of comfort. A new feature has been introduced for the convenience of newspaper readers: the leading newspapers, instead of being affixed to immovable racks, will be filed upon low stands, of just such height and at just such an angle as will most conveniently accommodate the reader while seated. One paper will occupy each stand, being held to it by a brass rod passing down its center; and these stands may be wheeled at pleasure to any part of the room.

The reading-room is eighty-four feet long by forty feet wide and twenty feet high. It is floored with oak, waxed and polished, along which in the passage ways, strips of carpeting will be laid. The sides of the room are occupied by book-cases with glass doors, in which will be kept the illustrated art books and other folios and rarities possessed by the library. A row of iron columns through the center of the room are surrounded by electric lights and gas burners, and have capitals highly ornamented in fresco. Spherical chandeliers of old brass support incandescent electric lights and gas fixtures, and the room, at night, will be almost as brilliantly lighted as at noon. The bright cheeriness of the polished oak; the handsome book-cases with their showy and invaluable stores; the artistic and tasteful decorations of the ceiling and columns; the colored glass globes that adorn the chandeliers and pillars; the all-pervading sense of luxurious comfort: the array of periodical literature, and the treasures of thought and scientific research that lie within ready call in the adjacent book-room; all combine to render this retreat a perfect literary paradise.

The names of the firms and individuals whose excellent work has rendered your new building, within and without, so perfect in every department and in every detail will be found in Appendix A.

In conclusion, your Board of Directors once more congratulates you upon your possession of a new and permanent home — seemingly permanent in earnest this time, as your most hopeful friends can hardly foresee the day when you will have outgrown its great capacity, while the perfect safety of the building insures you against the loss of your possessions.

With increased facilities for supplying the wants of readers and students, and with the great attractions offered by the beauty and conveniences of your new rooms, your association may well look forward to a career of unprecedented growth and success.

The administration of the affairs of the library, during the past year, has been conducted as follows:—

### FINANCIAL.

Our receipts during the year amount to twenty-nine thousand one hundred and twenty-four dollars and twenty cents, from the following sources:—

Annual Memberships	. \$6,561	00
Life Memberships	450	00
Perpetual Memberships	. 4,645	00
Miscellaneous	801	55
Rents	16,666	65
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It has already been reported to you that we had porrowed of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company \$250,000 secured by deed of trust on our real estate, but your Board found it necessary to increase the loan by \$50,000 more on a second mortgage, giving five bonds, each for \$10,000, due respectively in 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years from date, with 5 per cent. interest payable semi-annually and with the same privilege as was provided for in the first mortgage bonds, of redeeming them at the pleasure of your Association. Of these loans we have so far received \$280,000.

We have expended during the year one hundred and ninety-seven thousand and thirty-one dollars and eighty cents, as follows:—

For	new library building	<b>\$</b> 171,593	27
"	new library building, expense account	3,608	56
"	books, binding, newspapers, periodicals, etc	6,260	51
"	expense account as given in detail by the treas-		
	urer	15,569	46
	Total	\$19 <b>7,</b> 031	80

The total amount expended on the new building up to date is three hundred and fifty-four thousand two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and nine cents, as follows:—

For Brick, terra cotta, iron, and fire-proofing	170,780	44
" Carpentry	42,524	12
" Excavating and foundation	17,399	32
" Syenite granite	14,400	00
" Plastering	13,538	50
" Hydraulic elevators	13,450	00
" Heating and ventilating	13,090	89
" Architect and superintendent	12,000	00
" Plate glass	9,481	
" Plumbing	7,972	
" Interest on bonds	6,549	
" Arc electric light	4,342	00
" Painting	4,066	
" Incandescent electric light	3,500	
" Iron and brass grille work	3,400	
" Flagging	3,675	
" Negotiating bonds	3,000	
" Electric wiring	2,200	
" Automatic engine	1,500	
" Gas and electric flxtures	1,791	
"Sewering	1,677	50
" Air space covering steam pipes	675	
" Paving alley	525	00
" Removing old building	500	00
" Electric bells	410	00
" Marble tiling	335	00
" Engine belting	285	
"Copper work	265	00

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• 5	90 00
• 9	15 00
" Recording deed of trust	8 15
\$354,2	58 09
MEMBERSHIP.	
We have added during the year:—	
Perpetual members	80
Life members	9
Proprietors	20
Clerks	119
Beneficiaries	118
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Total	346
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Leaving our membership January 1, 1889, as for	llows: —
Honorary members	. 19
Perpetual members	
Life members	•
Proprietors	806
Clerks	826
Beneficiaries	519
Total	8,514
BOOKS.	
During the year we have added two thousand dred and two volumes: —	two hun-
By purchaseBy donation	1,819 888
Total  Number of volumes reported January 1st, 1888	2,202 68,732
Making  Deduct lost and paid for	70,984 88
Leaving Jan. 1, 1889	70,896
The additions have been classified as follows:—	•
Voyages and travels	76
History	232
Biography	168
Theology	
Politics and Government	. 157
Commerce	
Jurisprudence	
Mental and Moral Philosophy	
The Natural Sciences	
Science of Medicine	
Military Science	
Useful Arts	
Education	•
Poetry	
Art	
Prose Fiction	. 532
Total volumes	2,202

The limited resources at the disposal of your Board during the past two or three years, have proportionately limited the addition of books; the future ought to show additions in keeping with a larger income.

The expenditures during the year amount to six thousand one hundred and ninety-six dollars and fifty-one cents: —

For	Books	\$2,740	91
66	British patents, collating and binding	241	15
"	Binding and repairing books	929	50
"	Newspapers	751	02
"	Periodicals	1,533	98
		<b>8</b> 6,196	51

### CIRCULATION.

The issue of books has been suspended since December 3d last, during the removal of the property of the library to the present building. Of course no fines will be assessed against borrowers who are compelled to detain books over time, in consequence of this closing.

The reading-room has been open during the entire year. The library has been open for the issue of books two hundred and seventy-nine days, during which we have issued one hundred and fifty-four thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven volumes, being an average daily issue of five hundred and fifty-five volumes, classified as follows:—

History, biography and travels	25,914	volumes.
Philosophy and general literature	37,825	"
Poetry, art, architecture and drama		"
Prose fiction, and juveniles	67,967	60
Total	154,987	volumes.

### PERCENTAGE OF EACH CLASS.

History, biography and travels	16.4
Philosophy and general literature	24.8
Poetry, art, architecture and drama	14.9
Prose fiction and juvenile	43.9

### INSURANCE.

In compliance with our agreement with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company we have insured this building, for three years, for one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

The books and other property are insured for one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Direction.

ROBT. S. BROOKINGS,

President.

### APPENDIX A.

# INDIVIDUALS, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS EMPLOYED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF THE LIBRARY'S NEW HOME.

Henry G. Isaacs, architect and superintendent.

Wm. Atcheson, taking down old building.

Syenite Granite Co., granite.

Black & Davis, excavating and foundation, stone masonry.

James H. Bright, brick work, cut stone, iron, terra cotta and fire-proofing.

Cochran & Powers, smoke stack.

Daniel Evans, carpenter work.

R. L. Knott, carpenter work.

S. D. Warren & Co., roofing.

Bromwich & Adams, plastering.

Mesker & Bro., copper work.

Drey & Kahn, glass.

F. A. Drew Glass Co., glass.

Graham & Peters, plumbing and gas fitting.

Pickel Marble & Granite Co., marble work.

Simmons Hardware Co., hardware.

Wm. E. Hale & Co., hydraulic elevators.

Ludlow-Saylor Wire Co., brass elevator inclosures.

St. Louis Steam Heating and Ventilating Co., steam heating.

Russell & Co. (Cleveland, Ohio) engines.

A. B. Bowman, engines.

Wm. Clark, flagging.

P. M. Bruner & Co., granitoid paving.

P. J. Foy & Co., tiling.

Geo. Pendergast, sewers.

Archer & Pancoast Mfg. Co., New York, gas and electric fixtures.

Yeaton & Harris, Philadelphia, gas and electric fixtures.

Fay Gas Fixture Co., St. Louis, gas and electric fixtures.

J. F. Porter, electric wiring.

Edison Mfg. Co., electric incandescent lighting.

Excelsior Electric Co., electric arc lighting.

A. S. Aloe & Co., electrical instruments.

Pond Engineering Co., electrical instruments.

F. L. McGinness, painting.

A. H. Becker, fresco painting.

A. H. Davenport, Boston, furniture.

Phœnix Furniture Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., furniture.

# APPENDIX B.

# PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIPS.

Names.	Memberships.	Amounts.
BARNES, ROBERT A	100	10,000 00
DAVIS, JOHN T	100	10,000 00
BROOKINGS, ROBERT S	50	5,000 00
CUPPLES, SAMUEL	50	5,000 00
McLean, Jas. H. (Estate of)	50	5,000 00
CATLIN, DANIEL	25	2,500 00
ALLEN, W. R	10	1,000 00
BARR, WILLIAM	10	1,000 00
BELL, JAMES W	10	1,000 00
Brown, William	10	1,000 00
Busch, Adolphus		1,000 00
CARR, ROBERT E	10	1,000 00
CHAMBERLAIN, WASHINGTON	10	1,000 00
CLARK, CHARLES	10	1,000 00
COPELIN, MRS. EMMA C	10	1,000 00
CRAWFORD, DOUGALD	10	1,000 00
DRUMMOND, J. T	10	1,000 00
Franklin, Joseph	10	1,000 00
GRAHAM, B. B	10	1,000 00
HAARSTICK, HENRY C	10	1,000 00
HARGADINE, W. A	10	1,000 00
HART, OLIVER S	10	1,000 00
HILLS, CHAS. S	10	1,000 00
HUMPHREY, F. W	10	1,000 00
LEMP, W. J	10	1,000 00
LIONBERGER, JOHN R	10	1,000 00
McKittrick, Hugh	10	1,000 00
McLure, Chas. D	10	1,000 00
McMillan, William	10	1,000 00
Madill, George A	10	1,000 00
NICHOLSON, PETER	10	1,000 00
NIEDRINGHAUS, F. G	10	1,000 00
NIEDRINGHAUS, W. F	10	1,000 00
PARSONS, CHARLES	10	1,000 00
PIERCE, H. CLAY		1,000 00
PULITZER, JOSEPH		1,000 00
RICE, STIX & Co		1,000 00
RUSSELL, ALEXANDER		1,000 00
SCRUGGS, VANDERVOORT & BARNEY	10	1,000 00

Names.	Memberships.	Amoun	ts.
SHAPLEIGH, A. F	10	<b>\$1,000</b>	00
SIMMONS, E. C	10	1,000	00
STIFEL, CHAS. G	10	1,000	00
THORNBURGH, W. H	10	1,000	00
Washington University	10	1,000	00
WATERS, WILLIAM H	10	1,000	00
TILDEN, GRANT	7	700	00
GILKESON JOHN M	6	600	00
HILL, JAMES A.	6	600	00
HYDRAULIC PRESS BRICK CO	6	600	00
Adams, E. B.		500	
BENT, SILAS (Estate of)	5	500	
BOECKELER, ADOLPH	5	500	
BOECKELER, ADOLPH	5	500	
BRANDT, J. G	5	500	
CAMPBELL, HUGH	5	500	
CAMPBELL, JAMES	5	500	
Campbell, James A	5	500	-
CATLIN EPHRON	5	500	
CLAFLIN-ALLEN SHOE CO	5		
CONN & McRee	5	500	
DONALDSON, W. R	5	500	
Drew, F. A	5	500	
EDGELL, GEO. S	5	500	
ELY & WALKER DRY GOODS COMPANY	5	500	
EWING, A. B	5	500	
FAMOUS SHOE & CLOTHING COMPANY	5	500	
FERGUSON D. K.	5	500	
FRALEY, MOSES	5	500	
FRANCIS, I). R	5	500	
Houser, D. M	5	500	
KRISER, JOHN P	5	<b>500</b>	
Lewis, O. J	5	500	
McKee, Mrs. Eliza	5	€00	
MCKEE, MRS. ELLEN	5	500	
MALLINCKRODT, EDW.	5	500	00
MATTHEWS, LEONARD	5	500	
MEACHAM, EDWARD C	5	500	00
MEYER C. F. G	5	500	00
MISSOURI GLASS COMPANY	5	500	00
NELSON N O.	5	500	00
NOBLE. JOHN W	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	500	00
PVR. WM. R	5	500	00
ST. LOUIS REFRIGERATOR & WOODEN GUTTE	RCo 5	500	00
SHAW, HENRY	5	500	0 <b>0</b>
STEEDMAN, J. G. W	5	500	00
OTEMPHAN, O. O. M.			

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WARE, W. E		500 00	
WETZELL, OTHO	. 5	500 00	
YEATMAN, JAMES E		500 00	
Union Press Brick Works	. 4	400 00	
BAILEY CHAS, H	. 8	800 00	
BRINCKWORTH, LOUIS	. 8	300 00	
CRAWFORD, H. A	. 3	800 00	
EVERTS, CHAS		800 00	
HUTCHINSON R. R.		800 00	
Kohn, Wm. M	. 8	800 00	
Mansur, Alvah	. 3	800 00	
NOLKER, WILLIAM F		800 00	
TAMM, THEO		800 00	
BARADA, FRANCIS X		200 00	
BEHRENS, C. W	. 2	200 00	
BRADFORD, A.	. 2	200 00	
CONZELMAN THEO.	. 2	200 00	
ENGLEMAN, GEO J		200 00	
MORRISON W N	. 2	200 00	
TAUSSIG, CHARLES	. 2	200 00	
TAUSSIG, JAMES	. 2	200 00	
ABELES, ROBERT.		100 00	
ADAMS, B. S	. 1	100 00	
BAGNELL, ROBERT	. 1	100 00	
BARNHART WM. R	. 1	100 00	
BASCOM, JOSEPH D	. 1	100 00	
BIRCH, JAMES T		100 00	
BLACK, JAMES	. 1	100 00	
BLATTNER, MRS. L. J		100 00	
BLOCK, FRANK		100 00	
BOECK, ADAM		100 00	
BRIDGE, MRS. HUDSON E	. 1	100 00	
Broderick, John J	. 1	100 00	
BROMWICH, WILLIAM		100 00	
BRUNER, P. M		100 00	
Buck, M. M	. 1	100 00	
Bunn, S. C	. 1	100 00	
CAIN, P. R	. 1	100 00	
CAMPBELL, GIVEN	. 1	100 00	
CARR, P T		100 00	
CARTER, FRANK	. 1	100 00	
CASSELBERRY EVANS	. 1	100 00	
CLIFFORD, ALFRED		100 00	
COLLINS, W. D		100 00	

Names.	Memberships.	Amounts.
CONDON, A. A	1	<b>\$</b> 100 00
Conzelman, W. E	1	100 00
CRUTTENDEN, R. W	1	100 00
CUENDET, EUGENE J	1	100 00
CUMMISKEY, JAMES	1	100 00
CUTHBERT, CHARLES McI	1	100 00
DAY, W. C	1	100 00
Dixon, B. V. D	1	100 00
DORMITZER, JOSEPH	1	100 00
Drey, Adolf	1	100 00
DREY, ALBERT		100 00
Duncan, Wm	1	100 00
DYER, D. P	1	100 00
EDENBORN, WILLIAM	1	100 00
Edwards, James	1	100 00
ELIOT, EDWARD C	1	100 00
FIELD, JOHN T	1	100 00
FISHER, S. J	1	100 00
FOSTER, GEO. S	1	100 00
FRAZER, SAMUEL H	1	100 00
Fusz, Paul A	1	100 00
GARRISON, D. E	1	100 00
Garrison, O. L	1	
GATY, THOMAS E	• • • • 1 • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	100 00
GILBERT, W. J	•••••	100 <b>0</b> 0
GLASGOW, E. J. Jr	1	100 00
GRAY, M. L	1	100 00
Gregg, W. H	1	100 00
Grether, John	1	100 00
GRUNER, PHILIP.	1	100 00
GUGERTY, THOMAS.	1	100 00
HAYNES, D. R	1	100 00
HAZARD, W. T	1	100 00
HELLMAN LEWIS M	····· 1	100 00
HILL, JEROME	· · · · ·	100 00
HIRSCHBERG, FRANCIS D	••••• 1 ••••••	100 00
HOFFMAN SAMUEL E.	1	100 00
How James F	1	100 00
JEWETT, DANIEL T		100 00
JEWETT, ELIOT C	1	100 00
Judson, F. N		100 00
Kahn, Max	2	100 00
Kauffman, John W	1	100 00
Larkin, E. H		100 00
LAUGHLIN, HENRY D	1	100 00
DECUMENT, MERKI D	1	100 00

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LEATHE, SAMUEL		\$100 00
LEHMANN, PETER		100 00
Lewis, Edw. S		100 00
Lolar, John	1	100 00
McCabe, Francis X	1	100 00
McGinners, Francis L	1	100 00
MESKER, FRANK	1	100 00
MOORE, HENRY C		100 00
MOORE, ROBERT		100 00
NIPHER, FRANCIS E	1	100 00
NORL, HENRY M	1	100 00
NOONAN, THOMAS S		100 00
OVERALL, JOHN H		100 00
PARKER, GEO. W		100 00
REYBURN, A. V		100 00
RIDGELRY, F. L		100 00
Bonlying, F. W		100 00
ROBENHEIM, M		100 00
RUMBRY, L. M		100 00
RUTLEDGE, W. A		100 00
SAYERH, HENRY		100 00
SCHLOBBITKIN, GRO		100 00
SEAMAN, C. M		100 00
SEDDON, JAMES A		100 00
SHEPLEY, MINS JULIA		100 00
SIMON, C. F		100 00
SIRE, MRS. RECECCA W		100 00
Smith, C. B		100 00
STUYVESANT, W. S		100 00
SYLVESTER, JAMES J		100 00
TAUSSIG, CHARLES S	1	100 00
TAUSSIG, HUBERT P		100 00
TAYLOR, GEORGE	1	100 00
TERRY, JOHN H	1	100 00
TODD, GEORGE		100 00
Toms, George W		100 00
VORDICK, A. II	1	100 00
WARNER, E. S	1	100 00
WARNER, MRS. FANNIE T	1	100 00
WARREN, ISAAC I	1	100 00
WILKERSON, EDWARD		100 00
WILSON, GEORGE W		100 00
ZELLE, A. F		100 00
ZELLE, F. E	1	100 00

### APPENDIX C.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS ON FILE IN THE READING ROOM.

### NEWSPAPERS.

(Daily unless otherwise specified.)

### AMERICAN.

Atlanta Constitution, Baltimore American, Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald. Boston Advertiser, Boston Herald, Buffalo Express, Chicago News, Chicago Religio-Philosophical Journal (weekly), Chicago Times, Chicago Tribune, Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. Cleveland Leader, Colton (Cal.) Chronicle (weekly), Dallas (Texas) Advertiser (Mo'ly), Denver Rocky Mountain News, Detroit Free Press, Galveston News, Indianapolis Journal, Kansas City Journal, Leadville Herald-Democrat, Leavenworth Times, Louisville Courier-Journal, Medford (Wis.) Ansiedler in Wisconsin (monthly), Milwaukee Sentinel. Mobile Register. Nashville American, New Orleans Picayune, New York Courrier des Etats Unis. New York Dramatic News. New York Evening Post, New York Graphic,

New York Herald, New York Irish World (weekly), New York Journal of Commerce, New York Sun, New York Times, New York Tribune, New York World, Omaha Herald, Ontario (Cal.) Observer (weekly), Philadelphia North American, Pittsburgh Dispatch, St. Charles Cosmos (weekly), St. Louis Amerika, St. Louis Anzeiger d. Westens, St. Louis Church Progress (w'kly), St. Louis Colman's Rural World (weekly), St. Louis Globe-Democrat, St. Louis Home Circle (mo'ly), St. Louis Jewish Voice (weekly), St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Republic, St. Louis Sunday Watch'n (w'kly), St. Louis Tageblatt, St. Louis Tribune, St. Louis Westliche Post, St. Paul and Minnesota Pioneer, San Francisco Alta California, San Francisco Morning Call, Savannah Morning News, Springfield Republican, Steubenville Press (weekly), Washington Post.

### FOREIGN.

# GREAT BRITAIN.

Dublin Express,

Dublin Weekly Freeman,

Dublin Nation (weekly),

Edinburgh Scotsman (weekly),

Montreal Herald.

FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

Bruxelles Independance Belge, Paris Figaro,

Paris Charivari, Paris Galignani's Messenger.

GERMANY.

Koelnische Zeitung. München Allgemeine Zeitung.

# PERIODICALS.

### WEEKLY.

Academy, Electrical World,
Age of Steel, Electrician,
American Architect, Electro Mechanic,
American Athlete, Engineer,
American Field, Engineering,
American Gas-Light Journal, Engineering and Building Record,
Architect, Engineering and Mining Journal,

Architect, Engineering and Mining Journal,
Army and Navy Gazette, Engineering News,

Army and Navy Journal, Field,
Army and Navy Register, Forest and Stream,

Army and Navy Register, Forest and Stream,
Athenæum, Frank Leslie's Illustrated News-

British Architect, paper,
British Journal of Photography, Fun,

British Medical Journal,
Builder,
Builder,
Building News,
Building News,
Bullionist,
Chemical News,
Christian Register,
Garden and Forest,
Graphic (London),
Harper's Bazar,
Harper's Weekly,
Harper's Young People,

Coal Trade Journal, Illustrated London News,
Commercial and Financial Chroni- Interstate Grocer,

cle, Iron,
Country Gentleman, Iron Age,
Critic, Ironmonger,
Economist, Jewish Chronicle,
Electrical Review, Journal of Education,

Journal of Gas Lighting,

Judge, Judy, Lancet.

Land and Water.

Life,

Littell's Living Age, Lumberman, Mining Record, Musical World,

Nation. Nature.

New York Medical Journal,

Northwestern Miller, Open Court,

Pall Mall Budget, Pictorial World,

Pointer,

Publishers' Weekly,

Puck, Punch, Queen,

Railroad Gazette, Railway Age,

Railway News. Rural New Yorker, St. James Budget, Saturday Review,

Science,

Scientific American,

Scientific American Supplement, Scientific American, Architect and

Builders' edition, Shoe and Leather Gazette, Southwestern Methodist, Spectator (London), Spectator (St. Louis), Spirit of the Times,

Sporting and Dramatic News,

Stoves and Hardware,

Tablet, Truth,

Turf, Field and Farm, U.S. Patent Office Gazette,

Vanity Fair,

Weekly Medical Review,

World.

Bow Bells,

### MONTHLY.

All the Year Round, American Chemical Journal, American Journal of Medical Sciences. American Journal of Science, Andover Review, Annals and Magazine of Natural History. Annals of Surgery, Antiquary, Archives of Dentistry, Argosy, Art Amateur, Art Journal, Atlantic Monthly, Banker's Magazine (London),

Banker's Magazine (New York),

Belgravia,

Blackwood's Magazine,

Bookworm,

Builder and Wood Worker, Building Trades Journal, Carpentry and Building, Cassell's Magazine, Catholic World, Century Magazine, Chamber of Commerce Journal. Chambers's Journal. Chess Monthly. Colburn's United Service Magazine, Contemporary Review, Cornhill Magazine, Cosmopolitan, Curtis's Botanical Magazine,

Dial,

Eclectic Magazine,

Edinburgh Medical Journal,

Electrical Engineer,

English Illustrated Magazine,

Farm Machinery, Fortnightly Review, Forum, Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, Gentleman's Magazine, Geological Magazine, Glasgow Medical Journal, Godey's Lady's Book, Good Words, Hardwicke's Science Gossip, Harper's Magazine, Herald of Peace. Homiletic Magazine, Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine, International Chess Magazine, Investor's Monthly Magazine, Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, Journal of Botany, Journal of the Chemical Society, Journal of Decorative Art, Journal of the Franklin Institute, Leisure Hour, Lippincott's Magazine, Library, Library Journal, Literary News, London, Edinburgh, and Dublin Philosophical Magazine, London Society, Longman's Magazine, Macmillan's Magazine, Magazine of American History, Magazine of Western History,

Merchant, Miller and Manufacturer, Month. Murray's Magazine, Musical Times, New Church Messenger, New England Magazine, New Jerusalem Magazine, New Review. Nineteenth Century, North American Review, Notes and Queries. Outing. Overland Monthly. Philatelic Journal, Phrenological Journal, Popular Science Monthly, Poultry World, Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society, Railroad and Engineering Journal, St. Louis Lumberman, St. Louis Miller, St. Nicholas, Sanitarian, Scribner's Magazine, South, The Temple Bar, Theater, Tinsley's Magazine, Traveler's Record, Truth (St. Louis), Unitarian Review, Western Agriculturist, Western Insurance Review. Westminster Review.

### QUARTERLY, BIMONTHLY, ETC.

Wide Awake.

Alienist and Neurologist,
American Bookseller,
American Catholic Quarterly,
American Journal of Archæology,
American Journal of Mathematics,
American Journal of Philology,
Archæological Journal,

Mechanics,

Asiatic Quarterly Review,
Braithwaite's Retrospect,
Church Quarterly,
Dublin Review,
Edinburgh Review,
English Historical Review,
Journal of Anatomy & Physiology,

Journal of the Anthropological Inst.,
Journal of the Inst. of Actuaries,
Journal of Mental Science,
Journal of Philology,
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society of London,
Journal of Speculative Philosophy,
Literary World,
London Quarterly Review,
Mind,
Numismatic Chronicle,

Political Science Quarterly,
Publisher's Circular,
Quarterly Journal of Economics,
Quarterly Journal of the Geological
Society of London,
Quarterly Journal of Microscopical
Science,
Quarterly Review,
School and Home,
Scottish Review,
Southern Lumberman.

# FRENCH PERIODICALS.

Annales de Chime et de Physique, Artiste, Chronique des Arts, France Illustrée, Gazette des Beaux Arts, Illustration, Journal des Economistes, Lettres et les Arts, Livre,
Monde Illustré,
Nouvelle Revue,
Paris Illustré,
Revue des Arts Decoratifs,
Revue des Deux Mondes,
Revue Philosophique.

# GERMAN PERIODICALS.

Annalen der Chemie, Deutsche Leinen Industrielle, Dingler's Polytechnisches Journal, Fliegende Blätter, Gartenlaube, Illustrirte Zeitung, Kladderadatsch, Salon, Ueber Land u. Meer, Unsere Zeit,

### TOTALS.

Newspapers,	Americ	an		 	 			68
44	Foreign	a		 	 			14
Weeklies, A	nerican	and English.		 	 			96
Monthlies		66		 •	 			108
Quarterlies,	"	**		 	 			38
French and	<del>Jerman</del>	Periodicals.	• • • •	 	 	• • • • •	• · •	25

# APPENDIX D.

# LIST OF DONORS FOR THE YEAR 1888.

Givers.	Vols.	Pphs.
		_
Alexander, Alex. W		
Alpha Council	ł	• • • •
American Institute of Mining Engineers	2	• • • •
Appleton, D. & Co	1	
ssociation of Engineering	1	
Astor Library	1	
Baltimore — Enoch Pratt Free Library	2	
Batten, Dr. John M	1	
Bell, Mrs. Lena H	7	
Bingham, Lieut. Theo. A	1	
Boston Public Library	••••	5
Brooklyn Library		1
Buffalo Library	1	
Campbell, Robt. A	1	
Canada, Royal Society of	1	
Carr, Alfred	1	••••
Charleston — Ladies' Calhoun Monument Association of	1	• • • •
Chicago Public Library		1
Cincinnati Mercantile Library		1
Cincinnati Public Library	1	12
Coles, A	1	
Columbia College Library		3
Denver — Mercantile Library	1	••••
Dillon, John A	1	• • • •

Givers.	Vols.	Pphs.
Dimmock, Thomas	2	
Ehrlich, Leo	1	
Frothingham, E. L. & A. L	1	
Gantt, Thomas T	1	
Gilbert, W. J	5	
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents	99	
Harvard College Library		4
Harvard College Observatory	4	
Harvard University	1	
Hills, Rev. Geo. M	1	
Hoit, T. W	1	
Holmes, Nathaniel	2	
Homer, W. B	1	
Huidekoper, F	2	
Jewett, Eliot C	6	
Johns Hopkins University	1	
Jones and Orear	1	
Leeson, J. R	· 1	
Lusk, Jas. L	27	
Maisch, John M	1	•••
Maxwell, Sidney D	1	
Meston, A. W	1	
Milwaukee Public Library		1
Missouri, State of	30	
Missouri, University of	1	
Morgan, Geo. H	2	
Morrison, Wm. R	1	• • • •
Mudd, Dr. H. H	1	
New York Apprentices Library	1	1
New York Mercantile Library		1

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Givers.	Vols.	Pphs.
New York Health Department	1	
New York State Pharmaceutical Association	1	
Omaha Public Library	2	
Payne, A. M	1	
Philadelphia Library Company	<b> </b>	2
Philadelphia Mercantile Library	<b> </b>	2
Pulsifer, Wm. H	1	
Redwood Library		1
Reymond, G	2	
Rosengarten, J. G	1	
Ruben, Edward	1	
St. Louis Board of Health		12
St. Louis, City of	2	
St. Louis Post-Dispatch	15	
St. Louis Public Library	1 1	2
San Francisco Mechanical Institute	1	
San Francisco Mercantile Library	1	1
Shaw, Henry	1	
Sheldon, W. L	2	
Sherman, Gen. W. T	2	• • • •
Smithsonian Institute	7	
Stevens, B. F. (London)	1	• • • •
Stevenson, John D	1	
Tracy, John H	2	
United States Bureau of Education	1	12
" Coast Survey Department	1	
" Engineers Department	ł i	2
" " Interior Department	1 1	12
" Ordnance Department	i i	· • • •
" Patent Office Department		

<b> 45</b>		
Givers.	Vols.	Pphs.
United States Signal Service Department	1	12
" " State Department	2	6
" " Treasury Department	12	20
" War Department	3	
Unknown	2	50
Vest, Hon. Geo. G	4	
Watson, M. & Co	2	
Whelpley, H. M	1	
Worcester Free Public Library		1
Yale College Library		1
Total	383	166

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# ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY,

S. W. Cor. Broadway and Locust St.

# TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Any person engaged in mercantile pursuits, as a PROPRIETOR, may become an active member by paying an initiation fee of FIVE DOLLARS, and an annual subscription, payable in advance, of FIVE DOLLARS.

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All other persons may become BENEFICIARIES, by paying FIVE DOL-LARS, annually, in advance.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP, FIFTY DOLLARS.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

### THE LIBRARY

Now contains SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND VOLUMES, to which all new works of general interest are added promptly, and in numbers proportionate to the demand.

# THE READING-ROOM

Is regularly supplied with the principal newspapers and magazines, domestic and foreign. The library and reading rooms are open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. from May to October, and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. from November to April.

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# Annual Report

St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

1887.



# FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# BOARD OF DIRECTION

ST. LOUIS

# MERCANTILE LIBRARY

ASSOCIATION.

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ROBERT S. BROOKINGS.

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RECORDING,
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# COMMITTEES FOR 1888.

WAYS AND MEANS.

JULIUS S. WALSH,

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LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

HENRY STANLEY,

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BOOKS AND DONATIONS.

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SAMUEL M. KENNARD.

LECTURES.

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JAS. A. WATERWORTH.

HALL AND BUILDING.

ROBERT S. BROOKINGS,

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JOHN R. LIONBERGER.

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ROBERT S. BROOKINGS,

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EDWARDS WHITAKER.

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JAMES E. YEATMAN,

ALFRED CARR,

RICHARD M. SCRUGGS,

CHARLES MILLER,

J. B. S. LEMOINE.

# PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

# FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1846-7		-		-		-		-		-		-	J	James E. Yeatman.
1848-9	-		-		-		-		-		-		- A	ALFRED VINTON.
1850-1		-		-		-		-		-		-	1	Hudson E. Bridge.
1852	-		-		-		-		-		-		- E	HENRY D. BACON.
1853		-		-		-		-		-		-	•	J. H. ALEXANDER.
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1856		-		-		-		-		-		٠.	7	W. M. Morrison.
1857	-		-		-		-		-		-		- J	John W. Luke.
1858		-		-		-		-		-		-	N	M.V. L. McClelland
1859-60	-		-		-		-		-		-		- J	B. S. LEMOINE.
1861		-		-		-		-		-		-	I	ALFRED CARR.
1862-8	-		-		-		-		-		-		- J	John H. Beach.
1864-5		-		-		-		-		-		-	(	CHARLES MILLER.
1866-7	-		-		-		-		-		-		- 6	BEORGE R. ROBINSON.
1868-9		-		-		-		-		-		-	1	LAFAYETTE WILSON.
1870-1	-		-		-		-		-		-		- l	RICHARD M. SCRUGGS
1872-3		-		-		-		-		-		-	(	CHARLES SPECK.
1874-5	-		-		-		-		-		-		- 8	SAMUEL M. DODD.
1876-7		-		-		-		-		-		-	1	EDWIN HARRISON.
1878-9	-		-		-		-		-		-		- 1	R. R. Hutchinson.
1880-1		-		-	•	-		-		-		-	7	THOMAS E. TUTT.
1882-3	-		-		-		-		-		-		- l	Robert E. Carr.
1884-5		-		-		-		-		-		-	]	Robert S. Brookings
1886-7	_				-						-		- 1	WILLIAM L. SCOTT.

# FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

JANUARY 10, 1888.

Rooms of Mercantile Library Association, St. Louis, January 10, 1888.

The Forty-Second annual meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was called to order by the president, Mr. William L. Scott, upon whose motion Mr. J. C. Ewald was called to the chair, and Mr. B. S. Adams, appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Mr. John R. Lionberger, treasurer, submitted his report of receipts and disbursements during the year ending December 31, 1887, and the present financial condition of the association.

On motion of Mr. C. R. Stinde, the report was received and adopted.

The president submitted the report of the board of direction for the past year, which, on motion of Mr. Charles Miller, was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Alfred Carr offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted: —

WHEREAS, The members of the Mercantile Library Association have witnessed with pride and pleasure the rapid progress of the magnificent new library building, now approaching completion, as not only an ornament to our city, but a monument to the correct taste and executive ability of the board of direction and its building committee, and deeming it to be but simple justice to them, that they have the privilege and distinction of carrying out the work to a successful completion; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the annual meeting recommend the nomination of the members of the present board of direction for re-election for another term.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Mercantile Library Association are hereby tendered to the retiring board, for the zeal and energy with which they have discharged the duties confided to them, and that this annual meeting cannot withhold the expression of its gratification at the conspicuous success which is about to crown their labors,

On motion of Mr. Charles Miller, it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the city papers for publication, and that one thousand copies of the same be printed in pamphlet form for circulation.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

J. C. EWALD, Chairman.

Benjamin S. Adams, Secretary.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 10, 1888.

# GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to submit the following statement of my receipts and disbursements during the year ending December 31, 1887, and the present financial condition of the association, viz:

EXHIBIT "A" — CASH ACCOUNT.

EXHIBIT "B" - BALANCE SHEET.

EXHIBIT "C" - PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

THE ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH JOHN R. LIONBERGER, TREASURER.

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EXPENDITURES. December 31, 1887.	By Books purchased	" Magazines	" Bills payable	" Fitting up Ames building." " Removing into Ames buildg. " Mercantile Library Hall Co.	EXPENSE ACCOUNT.	" Advertising	Insurance	" Petty expenses	" Printing" " Repair of Ames building" " Repairs" " Salaries" " Stationery. " Water rates
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"B"—BALANCE SHEET.

	\$120,000 00 3,271 91 424,454 25			\$547,726 16
CREDIT.	By Bonds payable         \$120,000         00           " Mercantile library hali company         3,271         91           " Stock account         424,454         25			
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# "C" -- PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

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CREDIT.	\$556 00 By Initiation fees	" Perpetual memberships	" Life memberships	" Proprietors	" Clerks	" Beneficiaries	" Cash bequest	" Cash donation	" Ante room, rent of	" Extra books issued	" Fines for damage and detention of books	" Books presented	Total
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DEBIT.	To Binding and repairing books	" Books worn out and condemned	" British patents, collating and binding	" Furniture sold with old building, etc	" Expense account	" Insurance	" Interest	" Magazines	" Newspapers	" Oil paintings sold with old building	" Salaries	" Balance, net gain this year	Total

Very respectfully,

JOHN R. LIONBERGER,

Treasurer.

# FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

# GENTLEMEN:

In surrendering to you the office which, by your choice, we have filled during the past year, it is our duty to render a report of the manner in which we have discharged the trust confided to us.

In reviewing the work of the forty-second year of our existence, as an association, it is with no little pride that we point to what has been accomplished.

### FINANCIAL.

Our receipts during the year amount to one hundred and twenty thousand one hundred dollars and eighty-five cents, derived from the following sources:—

Annual memberships\$6,707 50
Life memberships
Perpetual memberships108,900 00
Cash donation
Cash bequest
Miscellaneous 1,043 35
\$120,100 <b>8</b> 5
In addition to the above, we have borrowed of the Con-
necticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, secured by
deed of trust on our real estate, \$250,000, of which we
have received\$120,000 00
Making our total receipts\$240,100 85

We have expended two hundred and twenty-five thousand seven hundred and forty-six dollars and eighty-five cents, as follows:—

For New library building	\$182,664	82
"Bills payable	18,500	00
" Interest	852	39
" Mercantile library hall company	774	00
"Books, binding, newspapers, periodicals, etc	5,504	75
" Fitting up this building	2,062	10
" Moving into this building	735	55
"Expense account, as given in detail by the		
treasurer	14,653	24
Total	\$225,746	85

Leaving a balance in the treasury, at this date, of fourteen thousand, three hundred and sixty-seven dollars, and three cents.

# MEMBERSHIP.

Our loss in members during the year is less than we anticipated, when removing from a great thoroughfare to this quiet location. We have added:—

Perpetual members	. 1,064
Life members	. 29
Proprietors	. 9
Clerks	. 52
Beneficiaries	. 87
,	
Total	1 241

And lost by death, removal from the city, and with-drawals: —

Honorary members	1
Life members	7
Proprietors	11
Clerks	57
Beneficiaries	96
Total	172

### Leaving our membership, January 1, 1887, as follows:—

Honorary members	19
Perpetual members	1,064
Life members	702
Proprietors	344
Clerks	806
Beneficiaries	581
Total	3,516

The perpetual memberships referred to above are transferable only to such parties as may be approved by the board of direction.

To our kind friends who have subscribed for a number of such memberships, cards have been issued, giving them the right to transfer the full benefits of the library and reading rooms to their employees or friends, for such length of time as they may desire, still retaining the ownership of the property; by this means a large number of worthy young men have enjoyed the privilege of the library during the latter part of the year, or since the issue of the perpetual membership certificates.

The following is a list of subscribers for

### PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Names.	Memberships.	Amounts.
BARNES, ROBERT A	100	<b>\$10,000 00</b>
DAVIS, JOHN T	100	. 10,000 00
BROOKINGS, ROBERT S	50	. 5,000 00
CUPPLES, SAMUEL	50	. 5,000 00
McLean, James H. (Estate)	50	. 5,000 00
CATLIN, DANIEL	25	. 2,500 00
ALLEN, W. R	10	. 1,000 00
BARR, WILLIAM	10	. 1,000 00
BELL, JAS. W	10	. 1,000 00
Brown, WILLIAM	10	. 1,000 00
Busch, Adolphus	10	1,000 00
CARR, ROBERT E	10	. 1,000 00

Names.	Memberships.	Amounts.
CHAMBERLIN, WASHINGTON	16	1,000 00
CLARK, CHARLES	10	1,000 00
COPELIN, MRS. EMMA C	10	1,000 00
Crawford, Dougald	10	1,000 00
DRUMMOND, J. T		1,000 00
Franklin, Joseph	10	1,000 00
Graham, B. B	10	1,000 00
HAARSTICK, HENRY C	10	1,000 00
HARGADINE, W. A	10	1,000 00
HART, OLIVER A	10	1,000 00
HILLS, CHAS. S	10	1,000 00
HUMPHREY, F. W	10	1,000 00
LEMP, W. J	10	1,000 00
LIONBERGER, JOHN R	10	1,000 00
McKittrick, Hugh	10	1,000 00
McLure, Chas. D		1,000 00
McMillan William	10	1,000 00
MADILL, GEORGE A	10	1,000 00
NICHOLSON, PETER		1,000 00
NIEDRINGHAUS, F. G	10	1,000 00
NIEDRINGHAUS, W. F	10	1,000 00
Parsons, Charles	10	1,000 00
PIERCE, H. CLAY	10	1,000 00
PULITZER, JOSEPH	10	1,000 00
RICE, STIX & CO	10	1,000 00
Russell, Alexander	10	1,000 00
SCRUGGS, VANDERVOORT & BARNEY		1,000 00
SHAPLEIGH, A. F	10	1,000 00
SIMMONS, E. C	10	1,000 00
STIFEL, CHAS. G		1,000 00
THORNBURGH, W. H	10	1,000 00
TILDEN, GRANT		1,000 00
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY		1,000 00
WATERS, WILLIAM H		1,000 00
GILKESON JOHN M		600 00
HYDRAULIC PRESS BRICK CO		600 00
ADAMS, E. B		<b>5</b> 00 <b>00</b>
BOECKELER, ADOLPH		500 00
BENT SILAS	5	500 00
Brandt, J. G	5	500 00
CAMPBELL, HUGH		500 00
CAMPBELL, JAS. A	5	500 00
CAMPBELL, JAMES		<b>50</b> 0 00
CATLIN, EPHRON	5	500 00
CLAFLIN-ALLEN SHOE COMPANY	5	500 00

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CONN & MCREE		500 00
Case	<b>3</b>	500 00
Donaldson, W. R.		500 00
Drew F A		<b>500 00</b>
EDGRLL, GRO. S.		<b>500 00</b>
ELY & WALKER DRY-GOODS COMPANY		500 00
EWING, A. B	<b>5</b>	500 00
FAMOUS SHOR AND CLOTHING COMPANY	_	500 00
FERGUSON, D. K	<b>5</b>	500 06
Francis, D. R	3	500 <b>06</b>
FRALEY, MOSES		500 00
Houser, D. M		500 <b>06</b>
Kriser, John P.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	500 00
Lewis, O J		500 00
MALLINCKRODT, EDWARD		500 00
McKer, Mrs. Eliza		500 <b>00</b>
McKre, Miss Ellen		500 00
MATTHEWS, LEONARD.	-	500 00
MEACHAM, EDWARD C		500 <b>00</b>
MEYERS, C F G	-	500 00
MISSOURI GLASS COMPANY		500 OO
NELSON, N O		500 <b>QB</b>
Noble, John W		500 00
Pye, Wm. R.		500 00
ST LOUIS REFRIGERATOR & WOODEN GUTT		500 <b>00</b>
STHEDMAN, L. G. W		500 UG
SHAW, HENRY		500 00
WAINWRIGHT, ELLIS		580 98
WARR, W. E		500 00
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	MORRISON, W. N	2	200 00
	RILEY, CHAS. V	2	200 00
	TAUSSIG, CHARLES	2	200 00
ı	Taussig, James	2	200 00
	Taussig, Geo. W		200 00
	ADAMS, B. S	1	100 00
	ABELES, ROBERT		100 00
	ANDERSON, F. M	1	100 00
	Black, James	1	100 00
•	BARNHART, WM. R		100 00
	BLOCK, FRANK		100 00
	BAGNELL, ROBERT		100 00
	BOECK, ADAM		100 00
	BLATTNER, MRS. L. J		100 00
	Виск, М. М		100 00
	Bunn, S. C		100 00
	Bridge, Mrs. Hudson E		100 00
	BASCOM, JOSEPH D		100 00
	BIRCH, JAS. T		100 00
	CAIN, P. R		100 00
	CAMPBELL, GIVEN		100 00
	CARR, P. T		160 00
	Carter, Frank		•
	Condon, A. A		106 00
	Conzelman, W. E		100 00
	CRUTTENDEN, R. W		100 00
	Cummiskey, James		100 00
	Casselberry, Evans		100 00
	CUENDET, EUGENE J		100 00
	Collins, W. D		100 00
	DAY, W. C		
	Dixon, B. V. D		100 00
	DORMITZER, JOSEPH		100 00
	Dreas, Farrington		100 00
	DREY, ADOLF		100 00
	Drey, Albert		100 00
	Duncan, Wm		-
	Dyer, D. P		100 00
	Edwards, James		100 00
	ELIOT, EDWARD C		100 00
	Field, John T		100 00
	Fisher, S. J.		100 00
	Foster, Geo. S		100 00
	Fusz, Paul A		100 00
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GARRISON, D. E		100 00
GARRISON, O. L		100 00
GILBERT, W. J		100 00
GLASGOW, E. J., Jr		100 00
Gregg, W. H		100 00
Grether, John		100 00
GRUNER, JOHN	1	100 00
GUGERTY, THOMAS		100 00
GRAY, M. L		100 00
HILL, JEROME	1	100 00
HAYNES, D. R		100 00
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HOFFMAN, SAMUEL E		100 00
HOW, JAMES F	1	100 00
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Larkin, E. H	1	100 00
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LEWIS, EDWIN S		100 00
LEATHE, SAMUEL	1	100 00
McCabe, Francis X	1	100 00
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### BOOKS.

During the year we have added twenty-one hundred and sixty-seven volumes to the library.

By Purchase 1,583 volumes.
" Donation 584 volumes.
Total
Number of volumes reported January 1st, 188766,613 volumes.
Making
Deduct volumes lost and paid for16
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Leaving January 1st, 1888

The book committee have endeavored to economize the limited means at their disposal; their purchases have been confined to the actual requirements of the library.

The expenditures during the year amount to five thousand five hundred and four dollars and seventy-five cents:

For	Books	\$2,760	60
	British patents, collating and binding	326	73
"	Binding and repairing books	556	00
"	Magazines	99	22
"	Newspapers	514	45
"	Periodicals	1,247	75
	Total	<b>\$</b> 5.504	75

The late R. W. Ulrici bequeathed his library to us, and during the year, we received from his executor two hundred and twenty-four volumes, which have been catalogued and placed in the library. Among them are many valuable works in French, English and German.

Your thanks are due Gen. W. T. Sherman for one hundred and ninety-eight volumes presented to the library on his departure from this city; they have also been catalogued and placed on our shelves. We specify a few of the most valuable, such as—

### LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS.

The library and reading rooms were closed from January 1st to 26th, 1887, for the transfer of books and other property from the old library to our present comfortable quarters, previously secured and neatly fitted and furnished, by the committee on library and reading room.

The rooms have been open two hundred and seventy-eight days, during which we have issued one hundred and fifty-one thousand nine hundred and eleven volumes, being an average daily issue of five hundred and forty-six volumes, classified as follows:—

History, biography and travels	25,306	volumes
Philosophy and general literature	35,801	"
Poetry, art, architecture and the drama	25,568	"
Prose, fiction and juvenile	65,236	"
Total	151,911	volumes.

### PERCENTAGE OF EACH CLASS.

History, biography and travels	16.9
Philosophy and general literature	$\dots 23.5$
Poetry, art, architecture and the drama	
Prose, fiction and juvenile	42.8

The decrease in our issue is owing to the closing of the library for about a month during the busiest season of the year, and the delay of our members in transferring their attendance from the old to the new location. Their absence was, however, of short duration and we are glad to note the increased interest and see the rooms thronged from morning until night.

The reading rooms have been supplied with the following newspapers and periodicals during the year:—

#### NEWSPAPERS.

(Daily unless otherwise specified).

#### AMERICAN.

Baltimore American, Boston Advertiser, Boston Herald, Chicago News, Chicago Times, Chicago Tribune, Cincinnati Commercial Gazette, Clinton Mo. Advocate (weekly), Denver Rocky Mountain News, Indianapolis Sentinel, Kansas City Journal Leadville Herald Democrat, Ansiedler in Wisconsin, New Orleans Picayune. New York Courrier des Etats Unis, New York Evening Post, New York Dramatic News. New York Graphic. New York Herald. New York Irish World, New York Journal of Commerce, New York Times,

New York Tribune, New York Sun, New York World, Norfolk Virginian, Philadelphia North American, St. Charles Cosmos (weekly), St. Louis Rural World (weekly), St. Louis Sporting News (weekly), St. Louis Tribune, St. Louis West'n Watch'n, (w'kly.) St. Louis Westliche Post, St. Louis, American Celt (weekly), St. Louis Amerika, St. Louis Anzeiger des Westens, St. Louis Catholic World (weekly), St. Louis Chronicle, St. Louis Globe-Democrat, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Republican, San Francisco Chronicle, Springfield (Mass.) Republican, Steubenville Ohio Press (weekly),

### FOREIGN.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Canada Montreal Herald, Dublin Freeman Journal (weekly), The Weekly Freeman, Dublin Nation (weekly), Edinburgh Scotsman (weekly), Glasgow Herald (weekly), Liverpool Mercury (weekly), London Times.

### FRANCE.

Paris Charivari,

Paris Figaro,

Paris, Galignani's Messenger.

#### GERMANY.

Augsburg Allgemeine Zeitung,

Cologne Koelnische Zeitung.

### PERIODICALS.

#### WEEKLY.

Academy,
Age of Steel,
American Architect,
American Field,
American Gas-Light Journal,
Architect,
Army and Navy Gazette,
Army and Navy Journal,
Army and Navy Register,
Athenaeum,

British Architect,
British Journal of Photography,
British Medical Journal

British Medical Journal, Builder,

Building News, Bulletin, Bullionist,

Chemical News, Christian Register, Coal Trade Journal,

County Gentleman,
Critic,
Economist,

Electrical Review, Electrical World, Electrician,

Engineer, Engineering,

Engineering and Mining Journal,

Engineering News, Field,

Financial and Com'l Chronicle, Financial and Mining Record,

Fliegende Blatter, Forest and Stream,

Frank Leslie's Illust'd Newspaper,

Furniture Gazette,

Fun,

Graphic (London), Harper's Bazar, Harper's Weekly, Illustrirte Zeitung, Illustrated London News,

Iron, Iron Age,

Jewish Chronicle, Journal of Education, Journal of Gas Lighting,

Judge, Judy,

Kladderadatsch,

Lancet,

Land and Water, Leather Gazette,

Life,

Littell's Living Age, Lumberman, Musical World,

Nation, Nature,

New York Medical Journal, Northwestern Miller, Pall Mall Budget, Pictorial World,

Puck, Punch, Queen, Railroad Age, Railroad Gazette, Railway News,

Rural New Yorker, Saint James Budget, Saint Louis Examiner,
Sanitary Engineer,
Saturday Review,
School and Home,
Science,
Scientific American,
Scientific American Supplement,
Scientific American, Architect and
Builders' edition.
Southwestern Methodist,

Spectator (London),
Spectator (St. Louis),
Spirit of the Times,
Sporting and Dramatic News,
Tablet,
Truth,
Turf, Field and Farm,
Vanity Fair,
Weekly Medical Review,
World,

### MONTHLY.

All the Year Round, American Jour'l of Medi'l Sciences. American Journal of Science, Andover Review. Annals and Magazine of Natural History, Annals of Surgery, Antiquary, Archives of Dentistry, Argosy, Atlantic Monthly, Art Journal, Banker's Magazine (London), Banker's Magazine (New York), Belgravia, Blackwood's Magazine, Book-Lore, Bow Bells. Builder and Wood Worker, Building Trades Journal, Carpentry and Building, Cassell's Magazine, Catholic World, Century Magazine, Chamber of Commerce Journal, Chambers' Journal, Chess Monthly, Church Magazine, Colburn's United Service Magazine, Contemporary Review, Cornhill Magazine, Curtis's Botanical Magazine, Dublin Review,

Eclectic Magazine, Edinburgh Medical Journal, Electrician and Electrical Engineer, Fortnightly Review, Forum, Frank Leslie's Illu'd Sun. Magazine. Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, Gazette des Beaux-Arts, Gentleman's Magazine, Geological Magazine, Glasgow Medical Journal, Godey's Lady's Book, Good Words, Hardwicke's Science Gossip, Harper's Magazine, Homiletic Magazine, International Chess Magazine, Investor's Monthly Magazine, Jewish Free Press. Journal of Anatomy and Physiol-Journal of the Anth'l Institute, Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies, Journal of Botany, Journal of the Chemical Society, Journal of the Franklin Institute Journal of the Inst. of Actuaries. Journal of Mental Science. Journal of Speculative Philosophy, Leisure Hour. Lippincott's Magazine, Literary World,

Princeton Review,

London Society,
London, Edinburgh and Dublin
Philosophical Magazine,
Longman's Magazine,
Macmillan's Magazine,
Month,
Murray's Magazine,
Musical Times,
New Church Messenger,
New England Magazine,
New Jerusalem Magazine.
Nineteenth Century,
North American Review,

Notes and Queries,

Overland Monthly,

Poultry World,

Phrenological Journal,

Popular Science Monthly,

Outing, The

Proceedings of the Royal Geograph ical Society. Railroad and Engineering Journal. St. Louis Comercio del Valle, St. Louis Miller, St. Nicholas. Sanitarian, Scribner's Magazine, South, The Southern Bivouac, Stoves and Hardware, Temple Bar, Textile Record, Truth or Testimony for Christ, Unitarian Review, Western Agriculturist, Wide Awake.

### QUARTERLY.

Alienist and Neurologist.
Archæological Journal.
Asiatic Quarterly Review.
Edinburgh Review.
English Historical Review.
Journal of the Royal Statistical Society of London.
London Quarterly Review.
Mind.

Political Science Quarterly.
Quarterly Journal of the Geological
Society of London.
Quarterly Journal of Microscopical
Science.
Quarterly Review.
Scottish Review.
Westminster Review.

### FRENCH PERIODICALS.

Annales de Chimie et de Physique. Chronique des Arts. France Illustrée. Illustration. Journal des Economistes. Lettres et les Arts. Monde Illustré. Nouvelle Revue. Revue des Deux Mondes. Revue Philosophique.

### GERMAN PERIODICALS.

Annalen der Chemie. Deutsche Leinen Industrielle. Dingler's Polytechnisches Journal. Fliegende Blätter. Gartenlaube. Illustrirte Zeitung. Kladderadatsch. Salon. Ueber Land und Meer. Unsere Zeit.

#### NEW BUILDINGS.

The demolition of the old building — our home for more than a third of the century — was commenced on the morning of the 24th of January, and the work on the new building has been pushed forward, as rapidly as possible, under the direction of the building committee, and the immediate supervision of our able and efficient architect and superintendent, Mr. Henry G. Isaacs.

The building is six stories high with a basement, has a frontage on Broadway of one hundred and fourteen feet four inches, and on Locust street of one hundred and twenty-seven feet nine inches.

The library and reading rooms will be located on the sixth floor, the five lower stories and part of the basement being rented to Messrs. Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney for a term of ten years.

The building is constructed of granite, brick, terra-cotta and iron and is thoroughly fire-proof throughout.

The first story is constructed of red granite, from the quarries of the Syenite Granite Company near Graniteville, Missouri.

The five stories above the granite are of brick and terracotta, the interior columns, floor-beams and girders of iron all protected by burnt claytiles and the floors throughout the entire building filled in between the beams with burnt clay hollow-tile flat arches, and the roof is constructed in a similar manner.

The entrance to the library is located on Locust street, at the northwest corner of the building. When finished visitors will enter a handsomely furnished reception room, take a hydraulic elevator of the most approved construction, and in a few seconds find themselves in one of the most elegant and complete library rooms in America. This story will be twenty feet high, divided into a reading room, book room, and the various rooms required for carrying on the work of a growing library. It will be lighted by large windows on the four sides, a sky light in the roof, — twenty by fifty feet — and at night with the most approved system of electric incandescent lights; in fact, we hope that our new home will exceed your most sanguine expectations, finished and furnished with every comfort and convenience.

The building is so well advanced that we may safely anticipate removing into it during the coming summer.

The work has been done to our entire satisfaction by the following parties: —

William Atchison — Removing old building.

Black & Davis — Excavation and foundation.

James II Bright — Brick, terra-cotta, iron and fire proofing.

Syenite Granite Company — Granite. ,

Daniel Evans — Carpentry.

St. Louis Heating and Ventilating Company — Heating and ventilating.

William Clark — Flagging.

George Pendergrass — Sewering.

Cochran & Powers — Copper work.

The expenditures on account of the building to this date, as given in detail by the treasurer, amount to one hundred and eighty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-four dollars and eighty-two cents.

### CONCLUSION.

Your thanks are due Messrs. Hitchcock, Madill & Finkelnburg for valuable legal services rendered during the year, free of charge. Mr. Edward S. Rowse kindly gave to your association one half of his commission for negotiating the loan, of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, from the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Our property is insured in responsible companies for one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the board of direction,

W. L. SCOTT,

President.

# GIFTS DURING THE YEAR 1887.

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### THE CHESS-ROOM

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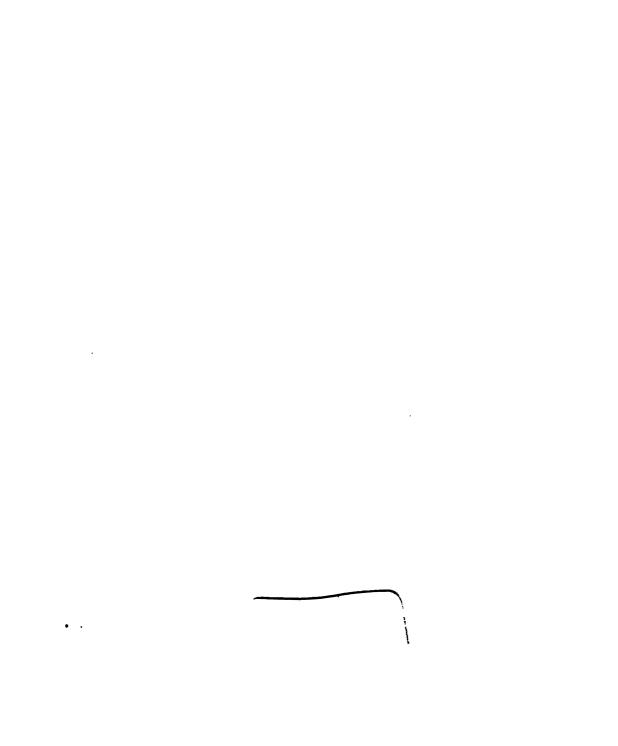
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1878-9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R. R. HUTCHINSON.
1880-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	THOMAS E. TUTT.
1882-3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ROBERT E. CARR.
1884-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ROBERT S. BROOKINGS.
1886-7	-				-	-	-	W. L. Scott.

## TRUSTEES.



JAMES E. YEATMAN, RICHARD M. SCRUGGS,

ALFRED CARR, J. B. S. LEMOINE,

CHARLES MILLER.

### FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

January 11th, 1887.

ROOMS ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. LOUIS, January 11th, 1887.

The forty-first annual meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was held in the directors' room on Tuesday evening, January 11th, 1887.

The meeting was called to order by W. L. Scott, and on motion, James E. Yeatman was called to the chair.

D. P. Cooke and W. H. H. Pettus were appointed secretaries.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The minutes of the special meeting held November 27th, 1886, were also read, and on motion of Alfred Carr, were approved.

Report of J. R. Lionberger, treasurer, was read, and on motion of Chas. Miller, received, approved, and spread upon the records.

The report of the president, W. L. Scott, was read, and on motion, accepted.

Mr. J. B. S. Lemoine offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED—That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the president and board of direction for their faithful and energetic labors during the past year, and they heartily approve their action in raising the means required to furnish the library with a new and valuable home, and for the prompt and successful removal of its seventy thousand volumes to such pleasant and appropriate temporary quarters as they have provided.

Mr. Geo. A. Hynes offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

RESOLVED—That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the daily papers of the city for publication, and that one thousand copies of the reports be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES E. YEATMAN, Chairman.

D. P. COOKE, Secretaries.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT,

### 1886.

Submitted January 11th, 1887.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. LOUIS, January 11th, 1887.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

John R. Lionberger, treasurer, in account with the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, for the year ending December 31st, 1886.

Exhibit "A"—Cash account.

Exhibit "B"—Balance sheet.

Exhibit "C"—Profit and loss account.

"A."—CASH ACCOUNT.

NECETOTICS ASSETS	1886 RY PRINTITIBES
Jan. 13, To Balance as perlast report \$ 20 90 MEMBERSHIPS ACCOUNTS.	20 90 Dec. 31. By Books purchased <b>3,04</b> 7 25 British patents 82 45 Briding and repair'g books 993 50
Initiation fees         \$ 182           Life members         500           Proprietors         1,775           Clerks         2,521	38 86 513 79 813 00—1 1,400 00
OUNT.	Interest Furniture Advertising Expense account
To Grand hall  "Ante-rooms 25 00  "Hall stores 12,950 17 ————————————————————————————————————	
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS.  To Books lost and paid for 31 05  Figure books issued 406 60  Fines for detention of books 450 85  Wassazines issued 75 20	Postage Printing Repairs Stationery Salaries
	sury
\$22,548 77	\$22,548 77

"B." - BALANCE SHEET.

CREDIT.	By Bills payable         \$ 18,500           "Mercantile Library Hall Company         4.045           "Stock account         337,282			<b>\$</b> 359,828 61
DEBIT.	To Books purchased \$130,303 51  ' Books donated 46,296 52		Old relics 2,492 80 4. Organ 2,492 80 Real estate 110,000 00	<b>\$359,828 61</b>

"C."-PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
To Binding	993 50	993 50 By Ante-rooms rentals	25 00
Bridsh parents	82 40 4.946 45	" Books donated	927 25
	1.371 44	3	.521 50
	1,995 00	3	406 60
	473 79	" Fines for detention of books	450 85
	8.010 00	" Grand hall rentals	505 00
	6,941 63		12,950 17
			182 00
		" Life members	200
			36 34
•			.775 00
			731 05
66	824.114 26		\$24,114 26

Very Respectfully, JOHN R. LIONBERGER,

derger, Treasurer.

### ANNUAL REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 11th, 1887.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the requirements of the constitution, I have the honor to lay before you, on behalf of the board of direction, the following report of their management of the affairs of the association during the past year.

The treasurer's report submitted herewith gives a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures during the year, summarized as follows:

Receipts	from	memberships	\$ 8,082	00
• 6	"	rents	13,480	17
66	"	miscellaneous sources	965	70
		A total of	\$22,527	87

The receipts show a falling off from the previous year, occasioned principally by absence of any demand for the grand hall, the receipts from which have been only \$505.00, as against \$1,724.00 in 1885.

Besides the current expenses of the library, during the year, we have paid out for books, binding and periodicals, \$5,486.85, a current interest account of \$1,371.44, and have decreased the bonded indebtedness \$4,000.00, of this last, however, only \$1,400.00 was paid out of our income, and the balance, \$2,600.00, was added to our floating debt,

The Bills Payable account is as follows:

Funded debt	due March	28,	1887	 8	4,000	00
"	"	28,	1888		5,000	00
					9,000	00
Floating deb	ot				9,500	
	A total of				18.500	

Showing a reduction of our indebtedness during the year, of \$1,400.00.

During the past year, 239 members have been added to our association and 196 lost, from various causes, leaving the present number 2,751, an increase of 43 members during the year.

The net increase of books to the library during the year has been 2,461 volumes. The number now in the library is 66,613.

The expenditures for books, binding, periodicals, newspapers, etc. have been as follows:

For	Books	\$3,045	25
"	British patents	82	45
	Periodicals		86
	Newspapers		79
	Binding		<b>5</b> 0
	-	\$5,486	 85

The library and reading room have been open 309 days during the year, and during that time there have been issued 171,960 volumes, an increase of 713 over previous year, and an average issue of 560 volumes per day, classified as follows:

History, Biography and Travels	20.35	per cent.
Philosophy and Literature	21.65	"
Poetry, Art, Architecture and the Drama	17.20	"
Prose Fiction and Juvenile	40.80	"

The property of the association is insured in responsible companies for \$165,000.00.

Subscriptions for perpetual memberships have been raised to the amount of \$111,700.00, and it is hoped can be increased to \$130,000.00. With the former sum as a nucleus, your board have decided, in compliance with a

resolution of the association, adopted at a special meeting, held November 27, 1886, to commence the erection of a six story fire-proof building. The library will occupy a part of the first, fifth, and all of the sixth story; the remainder has been leased to the Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney Dry Goods Company for a term of ten years, at a satisfactory rental.

We trust that we have thus placed the library on a stable foundation, and in a condition in which its improvement will be constant and rapid.

During the year we have lost by death, our second assistant librarian, Mr. James A. Yeatman, who had been identified with the library for fourteen years, and had endeared himself to its members by the uniform courtesy with which he performed his duties.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the board of direction.

W. L. SCOTT, President.

# APPENDIX.

### GIFTS DURING THE YEAR 1886.

GIVERS.	vols.	PPHS.
1.1		
American Institute of Mining Engineers	1	·
American Library Association  American Pharmaceutical Association	1	
American Pharmaceutical Association	1	
American Public Health Association	1	•
Astor Library	1	. 1
Astor Library Benét. Brig. Gen'l S. V Bodlean Library	1	••••
Bodlean Library		1
Boston Public Library	1 i	5
Broadhead, Joseph D	5	• · · · ·
Buffalo Young Men's Association		2
Burchard, M. M	1	
Butterworth, T	3	••••
Byars, W. V	1	
Cannon, H. M	1	•••
Carr, Alfred	1	••••
Chase, Chas. L	õ	••••
Chicago Public Library		1
Cincinnati Mercantile Library		1
Cincinnati Public Library	1	12
Clarke, Robt., & Co	1	• • • •
Columbia College Library		1
Congress, Library of		1
Cornell University	2	1
Dundee Free Library		1
Dyer, Lieut. A. B Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore		11
Enoch Pratt Free Library of Baltimore	1	
Field, John T	1	••••
Foy, Peter L	1	••••
Francis, Joseph	1	••••
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, Philadelphia		1
Glasgow, Scotland, Public Library		1
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents	5	••••
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents	34	••••
Hamilton, Morris L	1	
Hanford, Albert	1	••••
Harvard College Library		4
Harvard College Observatory		2
Heron, Alexander	1	••••
Carried forward	74	46

GIVERS.	vols.	PPIIS.
Brought forward	74	46
Holmes, Nathl	2	i
Hovne, Mrs. Thomas	1	
Hutchinson, R. R.	1	
Johnson C W	1	ļ
Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies	1	···
Knapp & Co., George	3	
Leavitt & Co., George A	1	
Leeds Free Public Library		1
Liverpool Free Public Library	••••	, 1
McClurg & Co., A. C	1	,
McGrath, Hon, Michael	12	
Maimonides Library, New York		1
Maxwell, Sidney D	2	
Maxwell, Mrs. S. B	1	•
Merrell, Dr. A.	1	••;
Milwaukee Public Library.	1	1
Missouri Grand Royal Arch Chapter	1	
Missouri Railroad Commissioners	1	
Missouri State Pharmaceutical Association	1	
Morgan, George H		1
Munson, John W	1	
Newton Free Library	 1	1
New York Appropriated Tibrary		
New York Apprentices' Library New York Mechanics' and Tradesmen, Gen'l Society	••••	
New York Mercantile Library	l	i
New York State Library	••••	i
New York State Pharmaceutical Association	1	•
Nipher, F. E	i	
Nolan, Miss Mary	l i	
Philadelphia Mercantile Library Company		1
Pillsbury, P	1	
Providence Public Library	'	1
Pulitzer, Joseph	3	•
Quincy Public Library	l "	1
Quincy Public Library Ramsey, Charles G	2	
Ritch. Wm. G	l ī	
Robinson, Mrs. C. F	l ī	
St. Louis Board of Health		12
St. Louis Board of Public Schools	1	!
St. Louis News Company	1	i
St. Louis Public Library		2
San Francisco Mercantile Library		1
San Francisco Mercantile Library Shipley, Samuel R	1	
Smith, S. Prentiss	1	
Smithsonian Institute	1	4
Sowyer Free Library	1	1
Surgeon General United States Army.	1	
Thomas, Wm. L	2	
Toronto Public Library		1
Townsend, Thomas D	2	
Trelease, William	1	
Carried forward	130	79
CONTROL 11/1 (CONTO)	100	1 10

HIVERS,	vols.	PPHS
Brought forward	130	79
United States, Bureau of Education	1	
United States, Engineering Department		. •
United States, Interior Department		<u> </u>
United States, Navy Department		
United States, Patent Office Department		52
United States, Signal Department		
United States, State Department		•
United States, Treasury Department	10	12
United States, War Department	4	-ī
Unitarian Review Company	-	12
Unknown	1	
Vest, Hon. George J	ī	
Walker, John		• ••
Worcester Free Library		1
Wright, C. D.	ï	•
Wright, Dr. T. L.	į.	••••
Yale College	$\bar{2}$	
Yeatman, James A	ĩ	••••
Young Men's Library, Buffalo	î	••••
2 Can be at the state of the st		
	236	165



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## St. Louis Mencantile Library

TEMPORARY LOCATION.

S. W. Cor. Tenth and Locust Streets.

#### TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Any person engaged in mercantile pursuits, as a PROPRIETO may become an active member by paying an initiation fee of FIV DOLLARS, and an annual subscription, payable in advance, of FIV DOLLARS.

Any person similarly engaged, as a CLERK, may become an action member by paying an initiation fee of Two DOLLARS and an annu subscription of THREE DOLLARS.

All other persons may become BENEFICIARIES, by paying FIV

LIFE MEMBERSHIP, FIFTY DOLLARS.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

#### THE LIBRARY

Now contains upwards of SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND VOLUMES, to whice all new works of general interest are added promptly, and in number proportionate to the demand.

#### THE READING-ROOM

Is regularly supplied with the principal newspapers and magazine domestic and foreign. The Library and Reading-room are open from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. from May to November, and from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. from November to May.

#### THE CHESS-ROOM

is open during library hours, free to all members of the association.

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St. Louis

Mercantile & Library

Association.

1885.





#### **OFFICERS**

OF THE

## ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR 1886,

PRESIDENT:

WILLIAM L. SCOTT.

VICE-PRESIDENT: SAMUEL M. KENNARD.

SEORETARIES:

RECORDING,

BENJAMIN S. ADAMS.

CORRESPONDING,

BENJAMIN EISEMAN.

TREASURER:

JOHN R. LIONBERGER.

DIRECTORS:

JULIUS S. WALSH,
ROBERT S BROOKINGS,

DAVID R. FRANCIS,

HENRY STANLEY,

EDWARDS WHITAKER,

JAMES A. WATERWORTH,

JOHN W. MUNSON.

ACTUARY AND LIBRARIAN :

JOHN N. DYER.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS:

FIRST, W. H. H. ANDERSON. SECOND,

JAMES A. YEATMAN.

CARL HEILIGER.

JAMES A. SUBLETTE.

JANITOR:
48 W. WALKER.

## COMMITTEES FOR 1886.

#### WAYS AND MEANS:

SAMUEL M. KENNARD.

EDWARDS WHITAKER

JULIUS S. WALSH.

#### LIBRARY AND READING ROOM:

HENRY STANLEY.

JOHN W. MUNSON.

BENJAMIN EISEMAN.

#### BOOKS AND DONATIONS:

JULIUS S. WALSII.

DAVID R. FRANCIS.

ROBERT S. BROOKINGS.

BENJAMIN S. ADAMS.

JAS. A. WATERWORTH.

#### LECTURES:

JOHN R. LIONBERGER.

JOHN W. MUNSON.

JAS. A. WATERWORTH.

#### HALL AND BUILDING:

WILLIAM L. SCOTT.

SAMUEL M. KENNARD.

JOHN R. LIONBERGER.

#### NEW BUILDING:

ROBERT S. BROOKINGS. HENRY STANLEY.

DAVID R. FRANCIS.

EDWARDS WHITAKER.

## PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION,

## FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1846-7			-		-		-		-		-		-	JAMES E. YEATMAN.
1848-49			-		-		-		-			-		ALFRED VINTON.
1850-1		-		-		-		-	-		-		-	Hudson E. Bridge.
1852	-		-		-		-		-	-		-		HENRY D. BACON.
1853		-		-		-	-		·		-		-	J. H. ALEXANDER.
1854-5	-		-		-		-		,	-		-		John T. Douglass.
1856		-		-		-	-		-		-		-	W. M. Morrison.
1857	-		-		-		-	-		-		-		John W. Luke.
1858	-			-		-	-		-		-		-	M. V. L. McClellani
1859-60			-		-		-	-		-		-		J. B. S. LEMOINE.
1861		-		-		-		-	-		-		-	ALFRED CARR.
1862-3	-		-		-		-	-		-		-		John H. Beach.
1864-5		-		-		-			•		-		-	CHARLES MILLER.
1866-7			-		-		-		•	-		-		GEORGE R. ROBINSON.
1868-9				-		-	-		-		-		-	LAFAYETTE WILSON.
1870-1	-		-		-		-	-		-		-		RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.
1872-3		-		-		-	-		-		-		-	CHARLES SPECK.
1874-5	-		-		-		-	-		-		-		SAMUEL M. DODD.
1876-7		-		-	-		-		-		-		-	Edwin Harrison.
1878-9	-		-		-		-	-		-		-		R. R. Hutchinson.
1880-1		-		-		-	-		-		-		-	THOMAS E. TUTT.
1882-3	-		-		-		-	-		-		-		ROBERT E. CARR
1884-5		-		-		-	-		-		-		-	ROBERT S. BROOKINGS.

## TRUSTEES.

JAMES E. YEATMAN, RICHARD M. SCRUGGS,

JOHN H. BEACH, J. B. S. LEMOINE,

JOHN W. LUKE.

#### FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## St. Louis Mercantile Library Association,

January 12th, 1886.

ROOMS OF MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. LOUIS, January 12th, 1886.

The fortieth annual meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was held in the reading room on Tuesday evening, January 12, 1886.

The meeting was called to order by Robt. S. Brookings, and, on motion, Thos. E. Tutt, was called to the chair.

John S. J. Miller and Frank A. Drew were appointed secretaries.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The committee of ways and means submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

St. Louis, January 12, 1886.

The committee of ways and means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the association, and find the same correct and properly supported by vouchers for all disbursements made to date.

W. L. SCOTT, Chairman.

The report of John R. Lionberger, treasurer, was read, and, on motion, accepted and adopted.

Mr. Robt. S. Brookings read the annual report of the board of direction, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Chas. Miller offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED—That the thanks of this association are due and hereby most cordially tendered to the president, Mr. Robert S. Brookings, for the zeal and untiring energy displayed by him in soliciting subscriptions to the building fund; that he is to be congratulated on the success so far achieved, and, while it is to be regretted that a provision of the constitution prevents his being his own successor in the presidency for the ensuing term, it is hoped that he will consent to remain in the board until the good work, so auspiciously begun, is carried to a successful conclusion.

Mr. George A. Hynes offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED—That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the daily papers of the city for publication, and that one thousand copies of the reports be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

THOS. E. TUTT, Chairman.

JOHN S. J. MILLER, Secretaries. Frank A. Drew,

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

1885.

Submitted January 12th, 1886.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. LOUIS, January 12th, 1886.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

John R. Lionberger, Treasurer, in account with the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, for the year ending December 31st, 1885.

Exhibit "A"—Cash account.
Exhibit "B"—Balance sheet.
Exhibit "C"—Profit and loss account.

"A".—CASH ACCOUNT.

	\$ 10 75 8,494 50 14,810 92	Dec. 31, By books purchased.  "British patents "British patents "Magazines "Newspapers "Periodicals "Interest "Antervoom "Expense account "Fuel "Fuel "Expense "Advertising "Printing "Printing "Repairs "Salaries "Salaries "Salaries	##ES.  \$2,224 51  127 44  127 44  127 44  128 55  102 85  103 85  1,487 03  1,800 10  1,813 83  1,801 10  1,801 10  1,801 10  81 95
". Insurance Prem. returned .	11 20 	rtati icens in t	188 65 3 48 194 00—16,105 45 20 90 ———————————————————————————————————

"B."—BALANCE SHEET.

CREDIT.	By Bills payable \$19,900 00  "Mercantile Library Hall Company 4,045 91  "Stock account 330 341 07		\		#397,286 9x
DEBIT.	To Books purchased \$\\$\\$\\$125,705 26\$  "Books donated \$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Cabinet of minerals	Statuary 9,735 00 Numismatic collection 2,546 65	Organ 2,492 80 Real estate 140,000 00	<b>\$354,286</b> 98

"C."—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

JOHN R. LIONBERGER, Treasurer.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. LOUIS, January 12th, 1886.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

GENTLEMEN:—The board of direction of your association, in compliance with the requirements of the constitution, beg to lay before you the following report of their management of the affairs of the association during the past year, and of its present condition.

The continued depression in business, and the diminished demand for the grand hall, have caused a small decrease in the income.

#### FINANCIAL.

The receipts from all sources have been twenty-four thousand four hundred and forty-four dollars and eighty-two cents, compared with twenty-five thousand nine hundred and eleven dollars and thirty-five cents last year, a loss of fourteen hundred and sixty-six dollars and fifty-three cents, as follows:

		1884	•	1885	•
From	Memberships	<b>\$</b> 8,682	50	<b>8</b> 8,494	50
• 6	Hall Stores	13,075	<b>5</b> 8	13,026	02
"	Grand Hall	2,935	00	1,724	90
"	Ante-Rooms	82	00	60	00
"	Organ	. 20	00		_
"	Miscellaneous	1,116	27	1,139	40
		\$25,911	35	<b>\$</b> 24,441	82
					: :::

The loss from rent of hall amounts to \$1,210.10, and in future we cannot expect to derive any revenue from that source.

Out of the last year's income we have paid the current expenses of the library, and have expended for books, binding, periodicals, etc., four thousand eight hundred and seventy-two dollars and eighty-six cents, against six thousand and sixty-five dollars and thirty cents in 1884. We have also paid fourteen hundred and eighty-seven dollars and three cents of current interest and have taken up the bonded indebtedness of four thou sand dollars, which became due March 28th. Of this las amount, however, only fifteen hundred dollars was paid out of the income, and the balance, twenty-five hundred dollars, remains as a part of our floating indebtedness.

The net reduction of the debt during the past year was fifteen hundred dollars; the indebtedness January 1st, 1886, amounts to nineteen thousand nine hundred dollars, against twenty-one thousand four hundred dollars on the first of January, 1885.

The bills payable account is as follows:

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#### MEMBERSHIPS.

During the year we have enrolled two hundred and eighty-two new members and have lost three hundred and seventy-three, leaving the account at present as follows:

Number reported January 1st, 1885	2,789 280
Lost during the year	3,069 361
Leaving paid in full to January 1, 1886	2,708 263
TOTAL	2,971
CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:	20
Life Members	676
Proprietors	426
Clerks	967
Beneficiaries	882
	2,971

Your board of direction regret to say that they have been utterly unable to reduce the list of delinquents. They have spared no effort to secure the prompt payment of dues from the very large number of members who are delinquent, but without success.

The board of direction elected Miss Mary N. Murfree, the distinguished authoress, an honorary life member of the association, as a slight expression of its appreciation of her great literary abilities and high personal character. The fame achieved by Miss Murfree, under the name of Charles Egbert Craddock, is now a part of the literary glory of our country, and her works have taken a place among the high and permanent treasures of literature. While St. Louis claims Miss Murfree as a resident. it seemed to us only proper that this association, the oldest and wealthiest of the societies organized in St. Louis for the purposes of culture, should extend to her the highest compliment in its power, and, in doing this, your board of direction is confident that it has fulfilled the unanimous wish of the members of this association.

During the past year we have lost the following life members:

BOWMAN, JOHN B.
COLLIER, MRS. SARAH B.
CROW, WAYMAN.
KNOTT, Z. T., Jr.

LEWIS, P. S. MEAD, EDWARD. NORTHRUP, A. K. STEWART, WM. S.

WETZEL, Z. F.

#### BOOKS.

The additions to the library during the past year number nineteen hundred and fifty volumes, as compared with twenty-five hundred and four volumes added the previous year. We have withdrawn from circulation sixty-two volumes, making the net increase for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight volumes. The number now in the library is sixty-four thousand one hundred and fifty-two volumes, as follows:

Reported January 1, 1885...... 62,264 volumes.

Added during the year	,
TOTAL  Deduct—  Volumes lost and worthless 34  Volumes lost and paid for	64,214 62 volumes.
Leaving, January 1, 1886	. —
The additions are classified as follow	s:
Voyages and Travels  History  Biography Theology Politics and Government Commerce Jurisprudence Mental and Moral Philosophy Natural Sciences Science of Medicine Military Science Useful Arts Education Poetry	151 140 48 194 22 13 25 89 65 8 124 273
Arts Prose Fiction	
	1,950

The expenditures for books, binding, periodicals, newspapers, etc., have been as follows:

For	Books	\$2,224	51
"	British Patents	127	44
"	Periodicals	822	55
"	Newspapers	102	88
"	Magazines	769	07
"	Binding	826	41
		84,872	86

The growth of the library from year to year is most accurately measured by the amount appropriated for books. Without the constant addition of new books to meet the reasonable demands of the readers, it would be hopeless to attempt to keep up the membership. We are obliged to call your attention, not only to the small and insufficient amount available for the purchase of books, after paying the expenses of the maintenance of the library, but also to the fact, that even this small amount will not be available during the coming year, unless some provision is made to raise it from some source which does not now exist. Last year we received the sum of \$1,724.90 from the rent of the grand hall; that source of income no longer exists, and the library must look to the members to maintain the book fund. This can be done by increasing the membership, and securing prompt payment of dues. Above all, we desire to impress upon the members of the association the importance of aiding and supporting, by their influence and their personal contributions, the movement to secure a new library building, which would be a permanent solution of all questions of income.

#### CIRCULATION.

The library and reading room have been open three hundred and nine days during the year. During that time we have issued one hundred and seventy-two thousand two hundred and forty-seven volumes, an increase of three thousand four hundred and seventy-three volumes over the preceding year, and a daily issue of five hundred and fifty-seven volumes, as follows:

	1884.	1885.
History, Biography and Travels	30,228	33,188
Philosophy and Literature	36,902	36,333
Poetry, Art, Architecture and the Drama.	30,900	30,144
Prose, Fiction and Juvenile Literature	70,744	72,582
	168,774	172,247

#### PERCENTAGE OF EACH CLASS.

	1884.	1889.
History, Biography and Travel	17.91	19.27
Philosophy and Literature	21.84	21.10
Poetry, Art, Architecture and the Drama	18.30	17.50
Prose, Fiction and Juvenile Literature	41.95	42.13

#### STREET RECONSTRUCTION.

During the past year we have paid thirteen hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty-three cents for reconstructing Broadway, in front of this property, with paving blocks of granite, and a similar expenditure will become necessary, in a few days, for Locust street, making a total of twenty-three hundred and ninety-nine dollars and forty-one cents, which necessarily comes from our book fund. This may be termed an "extraordinary expenditure," not likely to occur again within twenty years.

#### INSURANCE.

The property of the association is insured in good and responsible companies for one hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

#### NEW BUILDING.

The subscription for perpetual or improvement memberships is progressing satisfactorily, nearly one hundred

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thousand dollars having been secured, in amounts of five hundred dollars (five memberships) and upwards. It is confidently expected that before the first of February we will have secured from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in this way, after which, a thorough canvass of the city will be made for single "improvement memberships," and the result should insure us the necessary two hundred thousand dollars, to enable work to commence on the new structure this spring.

The total cost of the proposed building is estimated at three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, (\$350,000). This estimate provides for a modern fire-proof eight-story office building, covering the entire lot, one story of elegant stores, the second story to be used for a reading room, five stories of offices, and the eighth story to be used as a book room. Such a building, finished and furnished with every modern comfort and convenience, will, we estimate, insure an annual income of not less than fifty thousand dollars, (\$50,000).

To secure this, it is necessary that all who feel an interest, not only in the growth of the mercantile library, but in the progress of our city, shall aid and assist in raising the amount needed, not by empty wishes for success, but by helping us with their money and with their influence. In that way, and in that way only, can we succeed.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the board of direction,

ROBERT S. BROOKINGS, President.

## APPENDIX.

## GIFTS DURING THE YEAR 1885.

GIVERS.	vols.	PPHS
Age of Steel	2	
Age of SteelAmerican Institute of Mining Engineers	ī	
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Bayard, Hon. Thos. S. Benét, Brig. Genl. S. V. Benton, F. W. Bodlean Library	1	
Benét, Brig. Genl. S. V.	1	
Benton, F. W	2	
Bodlean Library		1
Boston Public Library	' '''	6
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Brookings, Robt. S	ī	••••
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Ruffelo Young Men's Association		2
Rurchard Hon H C	2	2
Bush, Isidor	i	•…•
Carr, Alfred	2	
Castleman, Hon. Geo. A		••••
Chicago Dublio Tibrary	90	
Chicago Public Library Cincinnati Mercantile Library	••••	2 2
Oincinnati District Library		_
Cincinnati Public Library	2	14
Columbia College LibraryCongress, Library of	••••	2
Jongress, Library of	••••	1
Cornell University		1
Donnell, E. J	1	••••
Drake, Mrs. Geo. S	3	••••
Edmonston, Saml. B	1	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Friends' School, Providence	1	••••
Hasgow Scotland Public Library		1
Hobe Printing Company Hood, James M. Heat Britain, Commissioners of Patents	2	••••
Hood, James M	1 .	••••
Freat Britain, Commissioners of Patents	60	
Hamilton, M. R	1	••••
Iarvard College Library		4
Tarvard College Observatory	1	1
Ierman, Dr. George	1	
łow, J. F	2 1	•
Herman, Dr. George How, J. F	1	
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GIVERS.	vols.	PPHS.
Brought forward	150	38
Katchlitzv. O	1	
Kelly, James	1	
Kelly, James Kimball, Hon. Jas. P	1	
King. Moses	1	
Leeds Free Public Library		1
Leeds, Josiah W	1	
Levison, S	54	
Linderfelt, K. A	1	
Loker, Mrs. Geo. H McNally, D. R., Jr	3	
Mchan W D	1	
Mahan, W. D  Maimonides Library, New York  Milwaukee Public Library		1
Milwankaa Public Library		2
Missouri Republican	2	
Missouri State University		2
Morgan, Geo. H		ī
Morgan, Geo. H	i	1
Newton Free Library		1
New York Apprentices' Library		2
New York Board of Commissioners of the Public Parks	1	
New York Mercantile Library		2
New York State Library	1	1
New York State Pharmaceutical Association	1	
New York and Brooklyn Bridge Company	1	
Peyton, John L	- 2	
Philadelphia Library Company		2
Philadelphia Mercantile Library	24	2
Providence Public Library	1	2
Pulitzer, Hon. Joseph	3	;
Quincy Public Library		2
Ramsey, Chas. G	2	
Rogers, Thos, M	1	····
Ross, Heinrich	1	
Royal Society of Canada	1	12
St. Louis Board of HealthSt. Louis Exposition & Music Hall Association		
St. Louis Merchants' Exchange	1	
St. Louis Public Library	1	2
San Francisco Mercantile Library	••••	ĺ
Scribner & Welford	••••	12
Sherwood, Miss		
Sims, William	l î	
Smithsonian Institute	6	6
Snow, M. S	ĩ	
Stanley, Henry	î	
Thomson, Peter G	î	
Thomson, Wm. H	1	
Toronto Public Library		1
Townsend, Thos. D	2	
Unitarian Review Company	1	12
United States Engineering Department	1	4
United States Interior Department	84	12
Curried forward	334	121

GIVERS.	vols.	PPHS
Brought forward	334	121
United States, Patent Office Department	3	52
United States, State Department		8
United States, Treasury Department	3	20
United States, War Department		
Universe Publishing Company	3	
Vest, Hon. George G	10	
Waterworth, Jas. A	2	
Watson, Geo. A.	ī	,
White, Richd. E	î	
Worcester Free Library	-	9
Yale College	••••	1 4
Yeatman, James A	1	-
Yeatman, James E	3	
1 cathan, James E		••••
	367	207

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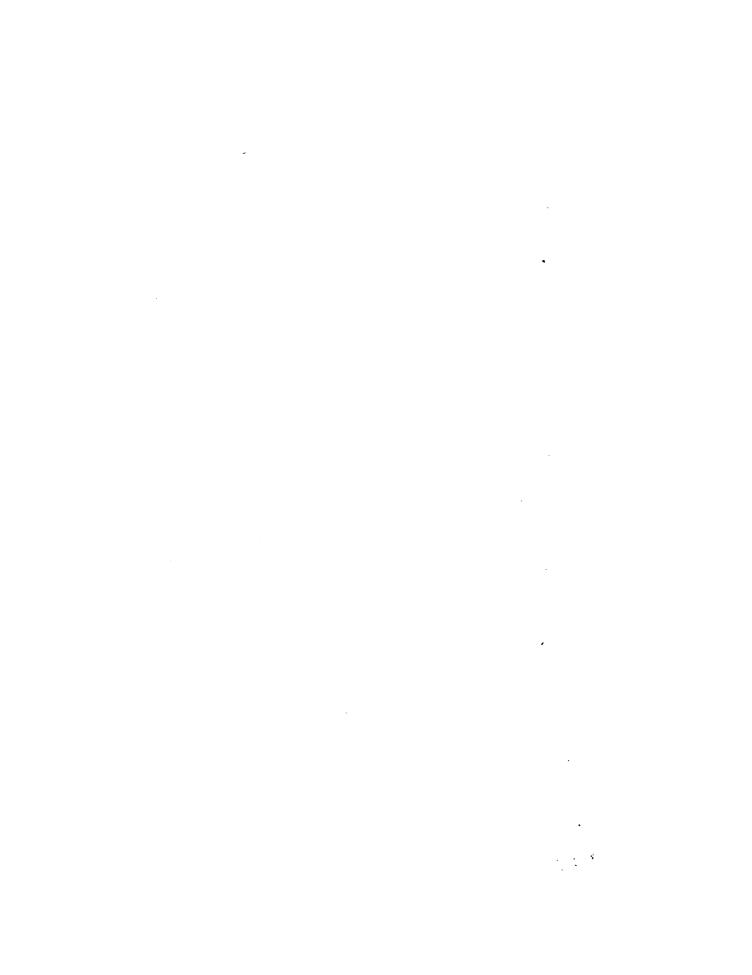
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# St. Louis Mencantile Library

S. W. Cor. Fifth and Locust Streets.

#### TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Any person engaged in mercantile pursuits, as a PROPERTO may become an octive member by paying an initiation fee of \$10 DOLLARS and an annual subscription, payable in advance, of \$10 DOLLARS.

Any person similarly engaged, as a CLERK, may become notice member by paying an initiation fee of two bothers and annual subscription of THREE DOLLARS.

All other persons may become BENEFICIARIES by payle FIVE BOLLARS, annually, in advance.

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#### THE LIBRARY

Now contains upwards of SIXTY-FOLDS THOUSAGE VOLUMES, which all new works of general interest are added promptly, and numbers proportionate to the demand.

## THE READING-ROOM

Is regularly supplied with the principal newspapers and magazine domestic and foreign. The Library and Reading-room are operand a A. M. to 10 P. M. from May to November, and from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. from Navember to May.

## THE OHESS-ROOM

Is open during library hours, free to all members of the association

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WILLIAM L. SCOTT.

JOHN R. LIONBERGER.

# PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION,

# FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1846-7		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	JAMES E. YEATMAN.
1848-9	_		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		ALFRED VINTON.
1850-1		-		-		-		-		-		-		ے		-	Hudson E. Bridge.
1852	-	٠	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		HENRY D. BACON.
1853		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	J. H. ALEXANDER.
1854-5	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		JOHN T. DOUGLASS.
1856		-		-		-		-		-		-		-			W. M. Morrison.
1857	-		-		-		-		-				-		-		John W. Luke.
1858		-		-		-		-		-				-		-	M. V. L. McClelland.
1859-60	)		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		J. B. S. LEMOINE.
1861		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	ALFRED CARR.
1862-3	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		John H. Beach.
1864-5		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	CHARLES MILLER.
1866-7	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		GEORGE R. ROBINSON.
1868-9		-		-		-		-				-		-		-	LAFAYETTE WILSON.
1870-1			-		-		-		-		-,		-		-		RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.
1872-3		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	CHARLES SPECK.
1874-5	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		SAMUEL M. DODD.
1876-7		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	Edwin Harrison.
1878-9	-		-		-				-		-		-		-		R. R. Hutchinson.
1880-1		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	THOMAS E. TUTT.
1882-3	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		ROBERT E. CARR.
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# TRUSTEES.

JAMES E. YEATMAN, RICHARD M. SCRUGGS,

JOHN H. BEACH, J. B. S. LEMOINE,

JOHN W. LUKE.

### THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# St. Louis Mercantile Library Association,

JANUARY 13, 1885.

ROOMS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 13, 1885.

The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was held in the reading-room, Tuesday evening, January 13, 1885. The meeting was called to order by the president, and on his motion Mr. Richard M. Scruggs was elected chairman.

Edward S. Lewis and Humphrey Fullerton were appointed secretaries.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The committee of ways and means submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

St. Louis, January 13, 1885.

The committee of ways and means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the association, and find the same correct and properly supported by vouchers for all disbursements made to date.

W. L. SCOTT, Chairman.

The report of the treasurer, John R. Lionberger, showing receipts and disbursements during the past year, was read and, on motion, adopted.

The president read the annual report of the board of direction, giving a full and detailed account of the year's transactions, which, on motion, was received and adopted.

Mr. Samuel M. Dodd offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were seconded by Judge Charles Speck, and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS—The board of direction adopted an amendment to the constitution at a special meeting, held March 18, 1884, ratified and approved the same at its regular meeting, April 8, 1884, two-thirds of the whole board being present and voting in the affirmative—

RESOLVED—That the recommendation of the president just submitted, to create an Improvement Membership, the price of which shall be one hundred dollars, negotiable and transferable to such party as may have been approved by the board of direction, which membership shall perpetually entitle the owner to all the privileges of regular or beneficiary memberships as at present regulated by Articles III and V of the constitution.

RESOLVED—That in future this amendment shall be known and designated as Article VII of the constitution, and that the present Articles VII, VIII and IX be known and designated respectively as Articles VIII, IX and X.

Mr. George A. Hynes offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED—That the thanks of the association are hereby tendered the president and his fellow directors for the faithful discharge of their duties, as exhibited in the report just presented; and that the zeal of the president in his untiring efforts to secure subscriptions to the building fund be specially commended, and that he be urged to continue his good work until the required amount is subscribed.

Mr. R. R. Hutchinson offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED—That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the daily papers of the city for publication, and that one thousand copies of the reports be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

R. M. SCRUGGS, Chairman.

EDWARD S. LEWIS, HUMPHREY FULLERTON, Secretaries.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

# 1884.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 13, 1885.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1884.

Exhibit "A"—Cash account.

Exhibit "B"—Balance sheet.

Exhibit "C"-Profit and loss account.

EXHIBIT "A"—CASH ACCOUNT.

1884. RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES		
Jan. 1. To Balance from last report Dec. 31. "MEMBERSHIPS ACCOUNT—	\$ 185 69	By Books **. British patents	<b>\$2,845</b> 10 244 39	
į			743 22	
Life members 350 00		" Periodicals	1,187 59	
		" Magazines	85 59	
		" Binding	959 41 —	959 41 —\$6,065 30
:		Bills payable	4,000 00	
	8,682 50	" Interest	$^{1,467}$ 70 $^{-}$	- 5,467 70
TO RENTALS ACCOUNT—		" Grand hall	412 39	
00		", Ante-rooms	22 54	
Grand hall 2,935 00		" Organ repairs	20 20 20	454 93
		" Insurance		2,236 00
		". Salaries		8,355 00
	16,112 58	EXPENSE ACCOUNT: -		
TO MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT—		By Advertising.	e <del>t</del> 88	
Books lost and paid for \$ 19 97		· Fuel	351 95	
		eo I ce	.06 22	
		" Lights	1,625 49	
Fines for detention of books 532 60		" Petty expenses	550 73	
		" Postage	44 10	
		" Printing		
Periodicals lost and paid for 21 00		" Repairs	353 75	
	1,116 27	" Stationery	113 05	
TO BILLS PAYABLE ACCOUNT—		"Transportation	49 94	;
Note discounted	200 00	"Water license	-00612	. 3,707 36
		" Balance		10 75
	\$26.297 04		iee-	826,297 04
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EXHIBIT "B"—BALANCE SHEET.

	\$ 21,400 00 4,045 91 324,752 56							\$350,198 47
CREDIT.	By Bills payable	•						
	166.896 17	500 00 10 75	212 00 13,243 00	9,735 00 2,546 65	14,352 10 110 00	2,492 80 140,000 00	100 00	\$350,198 47
	\$122,514 90 44,381 27	Ė					•	<b>₩</b>
DEBIT.	To Books purchased	" Cabinet of minerals	Catalogues Paintings and engravings	Statuary Numismatic collection	Furniture Old relics	Organ Real estate	Stage scenery	
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EXHIBIT "C"-PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

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	\$ 59 1,194 1,194 2,700 2,700 144 144 13,075 312 312 350 2,197	\$26,511 80
CREDIT.	959 41 By Ante-room rentals 115 69	
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DEBIT.	To Binding  " Books lost, worn-out and condemned " British patents " Expense account Insurance " Interest. " Magazines " Newspapers " Salaries. " Balance—Net gain this year	<b></b>

 $Very\ respectfully,$ 

# JOHN R. LIONBERGER.

# ANNUAL REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 13, 1885.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

GENTLEMEN:—We are here this evening in compliance with the requirements of the constitution, to render an account of our stewardship during the past year, and to present a statement of the present condition of the association.

Notwithstanding the great depression in commercial circles, it is gratifying to note that we have made substantial progress.

#### FINANICAL.

Our receipts from all sources have been twenty-five thousand nine hundred and eleven dollars and thirty-five cents, compared with twenty-four thousand and thirty dollars and eighty-nine cents last year, being a gain of eighteen hundred and eighty dollars and eighty-nine cents, as follows:—

		1883.	1884.
From	Memberships	\$9,158 oo	\$8,682 50
"	Hall Stores	12,025 11	13,075 58
"	Grand Hall	1,510 00	2,935 00
"	Ante-Rooms	45 ∞	82 00
"	Organ	60 <b>00</b>	20 00
"	Miscellaneous sources	1,232 35	1,116 27
		\$24,030 46	\$25,911 35

After paying the current expenses of the library, we have expended six thousand and sixty-five dollars and thirty cents for books, binding, newspapers, periodicals, etc., against five thousand six hundred and seventy-nine dollars and sixty-two cents the year previous; have also paid four thousand dollars of the funded debt, eleven hundred and forty dollars interest on same, and three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and seventy cents interest on the floating debt, leaving a deficit of only three hundred and seventy-four dollars and ninety-four cents, compared with twenty-five hundred and fourteen dollars and thirty-one cents last year.

Our bills payable account is, at present, twenty-one thousand four hundred dollars; due as follows:

#### FUNDED DEBT-

March " "	28, 1886 28, 188	5		4,000 00 4,000 00	\$17,000 00
		FLOA	ring debt	.–	
April	7, "			2,500 00	4,400 00
					\$21,400 00

#### MEMBERSHIPS.

We have enrolled three hundred and eighteen new members during the year, and have lost two hundred and eight, leaving the account at present as follows:

Number reported January 1, 1884	2,899
Added during the year	318
•	3,217
Lost during the year	
LeavingOf which there are delinquent	
Members paid in full, January 1, 1885	2,789
Warner Warner	
Honorary Members	19
Life Members	677
Proprietors	434
Clerks	925
Beneficiaries	724
	734

It is with sincere regret that we have to note the large number of delinquents. The prompt payment of all dues would enable us to meet current expenses with equal promptness.

An active effort should be made by every subscriber to increase our membership, as this is the only method of increasing our revenue, the hall and building now producing their maximum value.

Death has taken from us the following life members:

JOHN A. ALLEN, S. LEVISON,
MYRON COLONEY, MISS E. J. PETTUS,
DR. GEO. ENGELMANN, THOMAS RYAN,
MISS MARY B. JANUARY, RALPH SELLEW,
JOHN R. SHEPLEY.

### BOOKS.

We have added twenty-five hundred and four volumes to the library, compared with eighteen hundred and seventy-three last year, and have withdrawn one hundred and fourteen, leaving a net increase of twenty-three hundred and ninety. The number now in the library is sixty-two thousand two hundred and sixty-four volumes, as follows:

Added during the year			volumes.
TOTAL	•••••	62.378	
Deduct—			
Volumes lost and worthless, charged			
to profit and loss account	94		
Volumes lost and paid for	20	114	volumes.
Leaving, January 1, 1885		62,264	volumes.
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# The additions are classified as follows:

Voyages and Travels	88
History	212
Biography	96
Theology	44
Politics and Government	196
Commerce	28
Jurisprudence	17
Mental and Moral Philosophy	43
Natural Sciences	102
Science of Medicine•	92
Military Science	33
	213
Education	416
Poetry	76
Art	73
Prose Fiction	775

The expenditures for books, binding, periodicals, newspapers, etc., have been as follows:

For	Books	\$3,089	49
44	Periodicals	1,187	59
44	Newspapers	743	22
	Magazines		59
"	Binding and repairing books	959	41
	,	<b>\$</b> 6,065	30

#### CIRCULATION.

The library and reading-room have been open three hundred and ten days during the year. We have issued one hundred and sixty-eight thousand seven hundred and seventy four volumes, being an increase of four thousand seven hundred and three on the previous year, and an average daily issue of five hundred and forty-four volumes, as follows, viz:

	1883.	1884.
History, Biography and Travels	24,660	30,228
Philosophy and Literature	33,965	36,902
Poetry, Art, Architecture and the Drama	37,696	30,900
Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	67,750	70.744
1	64,071	168,774
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	1883.	1884.
History, Biography and Travels	15.03	17.91
Philosophy and Literature	20.70	21.84
Poetry, Art, Architecture and the Drama	22.98	18.30
Prose Fiction and Juvenile Literature	41.29	41.95

The committee on books has selected with judicious care the additions to the library during the year, and has completed many valuable sets of our scientific series—such as the Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London, from 1665 to 1883; Proceedings of the Royal Institute of Great Britain, from 1851 to 1884; Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers

of Great Britain, from 1837 to 1884; Transactions of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, from 1871 to 1883; Proceedings of the United States Naval Institute, from 1874 to 1883; Transactions of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science, from 1857 to 1883, and the Proceedings of the American Health Association, from 1873 to 1883 (complete set presented by the Association).

The committee has also endeavored to supply the popular new books as they came from the press, and in numbers proportionate to the demand for English, French and German literature.

#### INSURANCE.

Our property is insured for one hundred and sixtyseven thousand five hundred dollars in good, responsible companies.

## NEW BUILDING.

The subject of a new building has been discussed at every annual meeting of our association for more than fifteen years, and appeals very strongly to your present board.

The objections to our present quarters are too numerous to mention. We have insufficient case room for the books; the reading-room is dark and badly ventilated; the building, not being fire-proof, with its valuable contents is in constant danger of destruction by fire, and the revenue it yields is entirely inadequate to the valuable ground it occupies.

Owing to the decreased demand for the hall a large portion of the building has thus become comparatively unproductive. Although it could be so remodeled as to increase our revenue, we have deemed it unwise to make the necessary expenditure in that direction without first making a determined effort to erect a new fire-proof building on our present site. The revenue derived from such a building as we have in view would place the association upon a solid financial foundation, insure its rapid growth and permanent prosperity.

Realizing the difficulty of securing the large amount of money requisite for the erection of such a building, upon a purely endowment or gift plan, we counseled with our board of trustees for the purpose of arriving at the best and most feasible means of accomplishing the desired object. The conference resulted in a plan submitted by Mr. James E. Yeatman, which met with the unanimous approval of your boards of direction and trustees.

At a special meeting of the board, held on the 18th of March, 1884, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the board of direction submit to the association, at its next annual meeting, an amendment to the constitution, creating an "Improvement Membership," the price of which shall be one hundred dollars, negotiable and transferable to such party as may have been approved by the board of direction, which membership shall perpetually entitle the owner to all the privileges of regular or beneficiary membership, as regulated by articles three and five of the constitution of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

You will observe our scheme is to issue a perpetual membership, transferable upon the books of the association, subject to all the privileges of membership, as regulated by the constitution, for One Hundred Dollars.

The certificate so issued to be known and designated as an "Improvement Certificate of Membership." The advantages of this plan are apparent. We do not ask for a donation, but give for every hundred dollars a "Perpetual Membership," which, on the basis of a beneficiary or proprietor's yearly membership, has an earn-

ing capacity of five per cent. per annum. We do not, however, expect these certificates to become articles of commerce. The strongest appeal to the subscriber is that he can greatly assist the library, and by a judicious use of his memberships, continue his good work indefinitely.

It may be urged that the placing of such a number of perpetual memberships will eventually react upon us, and greatly reduce our present revenue from that source. After a careful investigation we are convinced that such will not be the result.

We are confident the new building will endow the association with more than enough increased life to cover the memberships that may find their way into the hands of present or prospective paying members.

In addition to this, however, if we can raise the necessary funds (about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars) to insure the erection of a new building, we will be practically independent of a membership revenue.

Acting upon this plan, with the invaluable assistance of your trustees, Messrs. Yeatman and Scruggs, we commenced a vigorous canvass among our most benevolent citizens, and were making very satisfactory progress, having secured two ten-thousand and several five-thousand dollar subscriptions, when the panic of last April compelled a suspension of our efforts until a more auspicious time. We feel, however, that we have secured a nucleus for our fund, and hope, during the coming year, to push it to a satisfactory conclusion.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the board of direction.

ROBERT S. BROOKINGS,

President.

# APPENDIX.

# GIFTS DURING THE YEAR 1884.

GIVERS.	vols.	PPHS
Adams, Charles F., Jr.	1	
Alden, E. & Bros	1	
Aldrich H L	1	
Aldrich, H. L. American Institute of Mining Engineers	3	•
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American Library Association American Public Health Association	1	
Astor Library	,	ļ
Barber, A. L.	1 -	
Benét, BrigGen., S. V.	I	•••
Bent, Silas	I	
	3	
Biddle, Jas. S Billings, J. S	I	
Description T. Consold	I	•••
Bossange, Léopold	6	
Boston Public Library	5	
Sreckenriage, Sami. M.		
Broadhead, Hon. Jas. O	7	
Buel, J. W	I	
Buffalo Young Men's Association		2
Bush, Isidor		
Butterworth, T	2	
Zarr, Alfred		
Zarr, Lucien	1	1
Chauvenet, Wm. W	5	
Chicago Public Library		2
Phicago Public Library Sincinnati Mercantile Library		2
Jincinnati Public Library	1	2
larke, Robert & Co	2	
lemens, W. J.	2	١
lements, LieutCol. A	ı	
Cobden Club	1	i
Columbia College Library		2
Congress, Library of		4
Coppinger, William	1	*
Cornell University	i .	"
Crunden, F. M		ï
'urtis, Edward P	2	١ '
Onnell, E. J		
Frum, BrigGenl., R. C.	1 1	l
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GIVERS.		PPHS.
Brought forward	 78	16
Eads, James B	3	
Evans, Walter	Ĭ	
Evans, Walter Ewing, Hon. Wm. L	1	
Flad, Henry	2	
Frv, Ben. St. J.	1	
Furnivall, F. J	1	
Glasgow Reading Club	I	
Globe Printing Company	4	
Gottschalk, Fred	3	
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents	101	
Green, Samuel S	1	
Griswold, P. A	I	
Guthrie. Malcolm	2	
Hackstaff, Geo. C	I	
Harris, William J.	I	•
Harrison, George L.	I	••••
Hart, Francis & Co	I	•••
Harvard College Library	I	4
Harvard College Observatory	1	•
Hewins, C. M.	I	
Holabird, Gen. Sam. B.	I	
Homes, Henry A	I	
Hosmer, J. K		I
Humphreys, D. C.	1	
Huntington, Wm. R	1	
Industrial World Company	1	
Jones, G. I	1	
Journal of Commerce Company	2	••••
Knapp, George & Co	3	
Leach, Lieut, S. S.	• 2	
Leeds Free Public Library		· 1
Leslie, A. M. & Co	5	
Lewes, Judge E. A	Ĭ	
Long, Edward H	1	
Madison, Mrs. E. E.	I	••••
Maisch, John M	I	
Meriwether, Mrs. E. A	2	
Milwaukee Public Library		2
Missouri Railroad Commissioners	1	••••
Missouri, State of	2	••••
Missouri State University	<b></b>	I
Morehead, F. C	6	
Morgan, George H	1	
Morgan, George H	I	
New York Apprentices' Library		I
New York Mercantile Library		2
New York State Library	1	2
Palmer, C. M	I	
Philadelphia Library Company		3
Philadelphia Library Company		2
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Pratt, George C	ī	
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GIVERS.	vols.	PPHS.
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Providence Public Library	'ı	
Pulitzer, Joseph	4	2
Quincy Public Library	l'	2
Ramsey, Chas. G	2	
Reavis, L. U	3	
Reavis, Mrs. L. U	2	1
Redpath, James	I	
Robertson, Bp. C. F.	i	
Royal Society of Canada	1	1
St. Louis Board of Health	•	2
St. Louis, City of	1	
St. Louis City Council.	1	
St. Louis Fair Association	1	1
St. Louis Gas Light Company		1
St. Louis House of Delegates	2	
St. Louis Merchants' Exchange	I	
St. Louis Merchants Exchange	••••	I
St. Louis Public School Library	•••	2
San Francisco Mercantile Library	••••	I
Slocum, Chas. E.	I	
Smith, Mrs. Yeatman	I	I
Smithsonian Institute	2	•
Steedman, Dr. I. G. W.	2	
Sturgeon, Isaac H	3	I
Taussig, George W	1	
Terre Haute Railroad Company	I	
Townsend, Thos. D	I	I
United States Engineers' Department	4	24
" Interior Department	103	7
" Navy Department		I
" Patent Office Department	5	
" Signal Office, War Department		22
" State Department	5	2
"Treasury Department	4	18
" War Department	7	11
Unitarian Review Company	·	12
Vallé, Mrs. Aglaé	1	
Vest, Hon. G. G	8	
Vogel, Chas. F.	5	
Whitehead, J.	] ]	
Williams, John F	7	
Woodward, & Tiernan		
Worcester Free Library		2
Yale College		: 7
Yeatman, James E	2	4
Teaman, vanies 12		
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# St. Louis Mequantile Libnary,

S. W. COR. FIFTH AND LOCUST STREETS.

# TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Any person engaged in mercantile pursuits, as a PROPRIETOR, may become an active member by paying an initiation fee of PIVE DOLLARS and an annual subscription, payable in advance, of FIVE DOLLARS.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP, FIFTY DOLLARS.

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

# THE LIBRARY

Now contains upwards of SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND VOLUMES, to which all new works of general interest are added promptly, and in numbers proportionate to the demand.

# THE READING-ROOM

Is regularly supplied with the principal newspapers and magazines, domestic and foreign. The Library and Reading-room are open from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. from May to November, and from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. from November to May.

# THE CHESS-ROOM

Is open during library hours, free to all members of the association.

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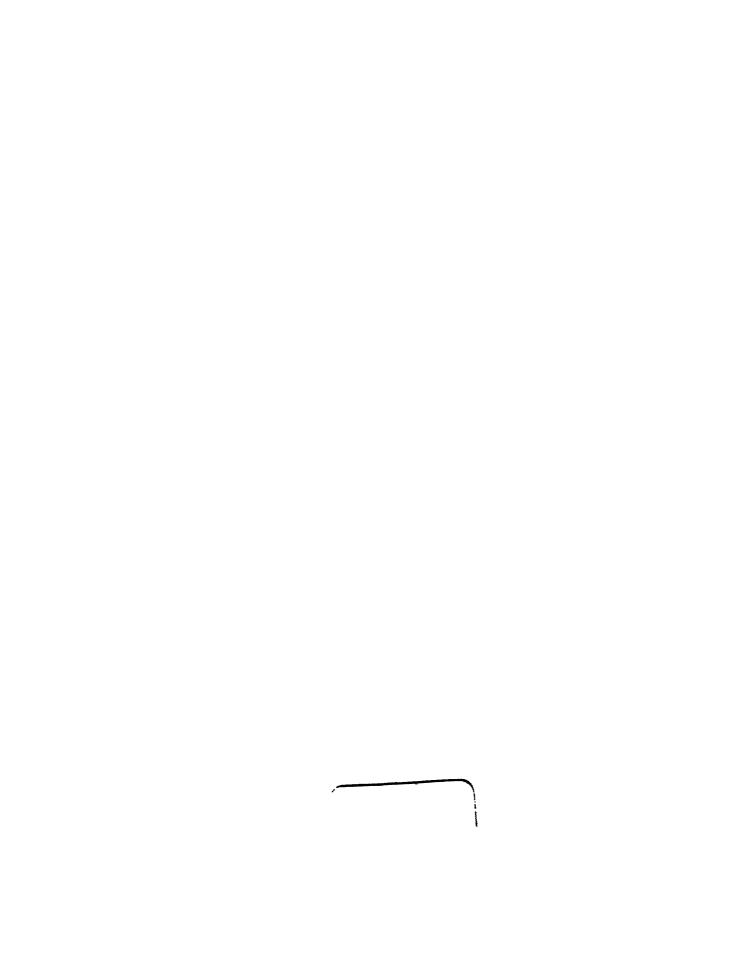
# Annual Report

St. Louis

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# THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# BOARD OF DIRECTION

OF THE

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ASSOCIATION.

ST. LOUIS:

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OF THE

# St. Louis Mercantile Library Association,

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

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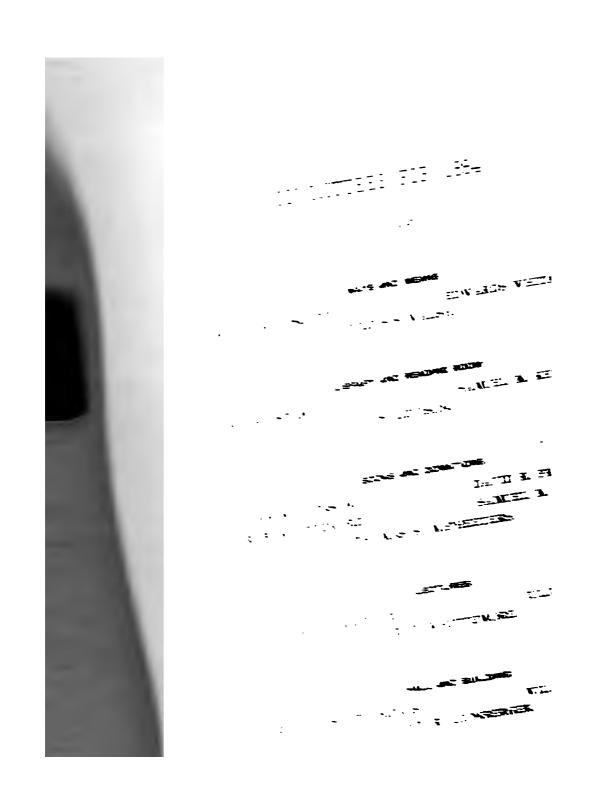
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CARL HEILIGER.

JANITOR:

CHARLES W. WALKER.



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# FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

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1848-9 -		ALFRED VINTON.
1850–1 -		HUDSON E. BRIDGE.
1852		HENRY D. BACON.
1853 -		J. H. ALEXANDER.
1854–5 -	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	John T. Douglass.
1856 -		W. M. Morrison.
1857 -	-	JOHN W. LUKE.
1858 -	· · · · · ·	M. V. L. McClelland.
1859-60 -		J. B. S. LEMOINE.
1861 -		ALFRED CARR.
1862–3 - `	•	JOHN H. BEACH.
1864-5 -	-,	CHARLES MILLER.
1866–7 -		GEORGE R. ROBINSON.
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1880–1 -		Тномая Е. Титт.
1882-3 -		ROBERT E. CARR.

# COMMITTEES FOR 1884.



### WAYS AND MEANS:

WILLIAM L. SCOTT.

EDWARDS WHITAKER.

JULIUS S. WALSH.

#### LIBRARY AND READING ROOM:

HENRY STANLEY.

SAMUEL M. KENNARD.

s. LEVISON.

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DAVID R. FRANCIS. SAMUEL M. KENNARD.

THOMAS S. McPHEETERS.

## LECTURES:

JOHN R. LIONBERGER. JULIUS S. WALSH.

R. B. WHITTEMORE.

#### HALL AND BUILDING:

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# TRUSTEES



JAMES E. YEATMAN,

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RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.

## THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# St. Louis Mercantile Library Association,

JANUARY 8, 1884.

ROOMS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, ST. LOUIS, January 8, 1884.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was held in the reading room, Tuesday evening, January 8, 1884. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robt. E. Carr, and, on motion, Mr. John T. Davis was called to the chair.

Ellis S. Pepper and Edgar McClelland were appointed secretaries.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The committee of ways and means submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

St. Louis, January 8, 1884.

The committee of ways and means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the association, and find the same correct and properly supported by vouchers for all disbursements made to date.

 $Signed: \left\{ egin{aligned} \mathbf{ROBT.} & \mathbf{S.} & \mathbf{BROOKINGS.} \\ \mathbf{E.} & \mathbf{A.} & \mathbf{MEYSENBURG.} \end{aligned} \right.$ 

The report of the treasurer, John R. Lionberger, was read, and on motion, accepted and adopted.

Mr. Robt. E. Carr read the annual report of the board of direction, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Geo. R. Hynes offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED—That the thanks of the association are hereby tendered the president and his fellow-directors, for the faithful discharge of their duties, as exhibited by the report just presented.

Mr. Rob't Metcalf offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED—That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the daily papers for publication, and that one thousand copies of the reports be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

JOHN T. DAVIS, Chairman.

ELLIS S. PEPPER, EDGAR McCLELLAND,  $\}$  Secretaries.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

1883.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 8, 1884.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1883:

Exhibit "A"—Cash account.

Exhibit "B"—Balance sheet.

Exhibit "C"-Profit and loss account.

EXHIBIT "A"—CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		ENPENDITURES.
To Memberships account— Initiation fees, . \$ 349 00 Life members, \$ 50 00 Proprietors 2.035 00		By Books,
	00 0	(e)
0UNT \$1	00 Sc1,6¢	" Interest,
Grand hall, 1,510 00 Ante-rooms, 45 00 Organ, 60 00		
TO MISCELIANEOUS ACCOUNTS—Books lost and paid for, \$19 50	13,640 11	" Magazines,
2 464 ooks, 598		ing, 100 285 124
	· . · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	nses, 1,661 538 538
To Bills payable account— Notes discounted.	2.700 00	Frinting, 189 20 Stationery and blank books, 208 36 Transportation, 32 20 Water license, 219 00
		"John R. Lionberger, amount advanced by him,
	<b>\$26.730 46</b>	\$26,730 46

EXHIBIT "B"—BALANCE SHEET.

CREDIT.		10 000'010 · · · · · · ·						<b>\$311,929 85</b>
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	\$117,923 02 43,187 02		. 13,243 00 9,735 00			•	•	* <b>60</b> -
DEBIT.	To Books purchased, donated,	Cabinet of minerals,	FINE ARTS ACCOUNT— Paintings and engravings, Statuary,	Numismatic collection, . furniture,	Old relics,	Periodicals,	Stage scenéry,	
	o Books	Cabinet Cash, Catalog	FINE Pa	Furn	Old	Peri Real	Stag	

EXHIBIT "C"-PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.			CREDIT	DIT.			1
To Binding,	\$ 957 65	By Ante-rooms, "Beneficiaries		•	•	8 28 9 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2 2
" British patents, " Expense account.	305 81 3 272 57	"Books donated	ated,	•	•	1,491 6	32 S
" Insurance, " Interest.	2,216 95	"Extra books issued,	is issued,	oks.	• • •	2 201	3 13
"Magazines issued,		" Grand hall rentals	Grand hall rentals,			1,179 7	Z:
" Repairs,	879 73 879 73 879 73	intitation fees,	968,			0 055	22
" Balance-net gain this year,	6,809 89	"Old scrap iron sold "Organ rentals,"	iron sold,	 	 	204	323
1		· Proprietors				2,095 00	21
88	\$25,001 29				ļ	\$25,001 2	<b>2</b> 3
	Very	Very respectfully,					

Very respectfully,

JOHN R. LIONBERGER, Treasurer.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, Jan. 8, 1884.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association:

GENTLEMEN:—The board of direction herewith submit to you the thirty-eighth annual report of the condition of the association.

#### MEMBERSHIPS.

We have enrolled during the past year three hundred and fifty-seven new members, and have lost from various causes two hundred and fifteen—leaving the account January 1, 1884, as follows:—

Number reported January 1, 1883				3,024
Added during the year				357
				3,381
Lost during the year	•	•	•	215
Leaving				3,166
Of which there are delinquent.		•	•	267
Leaving paid up January 1, 1884			•	2,899
Classified as follows:				
Honorary members				20
Life members				678
Proprietors				460
Clerks				1,070
Beneficiaries			•	938
				3,166

We regret to report the death of the following life members:

CHAMBERS, Mrs. MARY C.	CHOUTEAU, N. S.
CHRISTY, WM. F.	HALL, GEO. 1).
CRITTENDEN, HOWARD.	Homer, Thos. J.
DIXON, W. A.	JANUARY, J. L.
FERGUSON, W. F.	O'FALLON, HENRY A.

#### BOOKS.

During the year we have added eighteen hundred and seventy-three volumes to the library, and have withdrawn, from loss and worthlessness, two hundred and forty volumes, leaving a net increase of sixteen hundred and thirty-three volumes, and the number now in the library, viz:

Reported Jan	iuary 1, 1	883					58,241
Added during	the year	•	•	٠	•	•	1,873
<b>.</b>							60,114
Deduct—							
Volumes los	t and wort	hless	, cha	rged			
to Profi	t and Loss	acco	ount		229		
Volumes los	st and paid	l for		•	11		240
Leaving Janu	ary 1, 1884	١.					59,874
The additions  Voyages and		en	clas	sifie	ed as	foll	ows :
History .							199
Biography		•					97
Theology							32
Politics and G	lovern <mark>m</mark> en	ıt					129
Commerce.							16
Jurisprudence	e						13
Mental and M	oral Philo	soph	У				11
Natural Scien			•				65
Car	ried forwa	rd					638

Brought forw	ard			638
Science of Medicine				33
Military Science .				16
Useful Arts				240
Literature				364
Poetry and Drama .				35
Art and Architecture				67
Prose Fiction	•		•	480
				1,873

The expenditures for books, binding, periodicals, rewspapers, etc., have been as follows:—

Purchase of Books					<b>\$2,583</b>	
Purchase of Newspapers .		•	•	•	722	
Purchase of Periodicals .					1,416	27
Binding and Repairing Book	ks				957	65
					\$5,679	00
					\$0,079	02

#### CIRCULATION.

We have issued 164,071 volumes during the year ending December 31, 1883, showing an increase of 6,319 volumes on the previous year. The statement is as follows:—

	1882.	1883.
History, Biography and Travels	29,802	24,660
Philosophy and Literature	28,564	33,965
Poetry, Art, Architecture and		
Drama	31,396	37,696
Prose Fiction and Juvenile Lit-		
erature	67,990	67,750
	157,752	164,071
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#### PERCENTAGE OF EACH CLASS.

	1882.	-1883.
History, Biography and Travels .	18.89	15.03
Philosophy and Literature	18.11	20.70
Poetry, Art, Architecture and Drama	19.90	22.98
Prose Fiction and Juvenile	43.10	41.29

With the limited means at its disposal, the committee on books has endeavored to supply the works in greatest demand, and to keep the reading room well supplied with the very best collection of magazines, newspapers and reviews.

The appendix to this report will give you a list of the donors during the past year, all of whom are entitled to your thanks for their kind remembrance.

## FINANCIAL.

The treasurer's report, just submitted, shows the receipts for the year 1883 to have been \$24,030.46, the smallest we have received for many years, as shown by the following comparative statement:

Receipts	in	1878				\$27,386	51
"	"	1879	٠.			27,531	92
66	"	1880				26,969	83
"	"	1881				24,692	80
4.6	"	1882	-			25,866	00
"	"	1883				24,030	46

An analysis shows a very steady income from all sources except the grand hall; and to make plain the failing source we give a comparative statement of receipts from it for the past six years.

Receipts	in	1878				\$5,302	00
"	"	1879				5,340	00
"	"	1880	-			3,330	00
"	"	1881				3,783	00
"	"	1882				3,370	00
"	"	1883				1,510	00

The accommodations furnished by the new halls lately built have largely done away with the demand for our hall, and with the completion of the exposition and music hall a further diminution of income must be expected, and we therefore recommend that the proper steps be taken to convert it, or the present library room, into offices or such other business purposes as the incoming board of direction may deem to be most advantageous to the association.

Owing to this decrease the board has not been able to follow literally the requirements of the scheme for paying off the funded debt, and regrets that it must report a reappearance of floating debt.

When the funding scheme of 1878 was adopted, estimates were made, based upon the income at that time, leaving a fair amount for expenditure for books and current literature. The decrease in revenue from the grand hall from \$5,300 to \$1,510 just about represents the amount the funding scheme left for the purchase of books and current literature.

Your board had to choose one of two alternatives—stop all additions to our catalogue, or incur a floating debt. Believing that new books and current literature were absolutely necessary to the life-blood of the association, as it were, we chose the latter.

Since 1879 there has been paid on the principal of funded debt sixteen thousand dollars, and on account of interest the further sum of ten thousand two hundred and ninety-eight dollars.

There yet remains to be paid:—

Due.		Principal.	Interest.	Total.
1884		\$4,000 00	\$1,140 00	<b>\$5,140 00</b>
1885-		4,000 00	900 00	4,900 60
1886		4,000 00	660 00	4,660 00
1887		4,000 00	420 00	4,420 00
1888		5,000 00	150 00	5,150 00
		\$21,000 00	\$3,270 00	\$24,270 00

To meet these payments out of the current income without borrowing, will require a total cessation of the purchase of books.

The reports made for several years by the different boards of direction, upon your present building and the necessity of a change, leave nothing new to be said, and all the reasons urged for a change remain in full force.

This building is insured for \$60,000 and the contents for \$95,000, total \$155,000; all placed, we believe, in good and safe companies.

Having rendered to you a faithful statement of our present condition, we beg each member of our association to aid in increasing the number of our members and in adding to our income.

The attractions and advantages offered to new members have largely increased; superior books of history, poetry, and art, in large numbers have been added, whilst more solid works have not been neglected. And while the progress made in collecting these treasures has not been so great as desired, yet we have the satisfaction of assuring you that progress has been made.

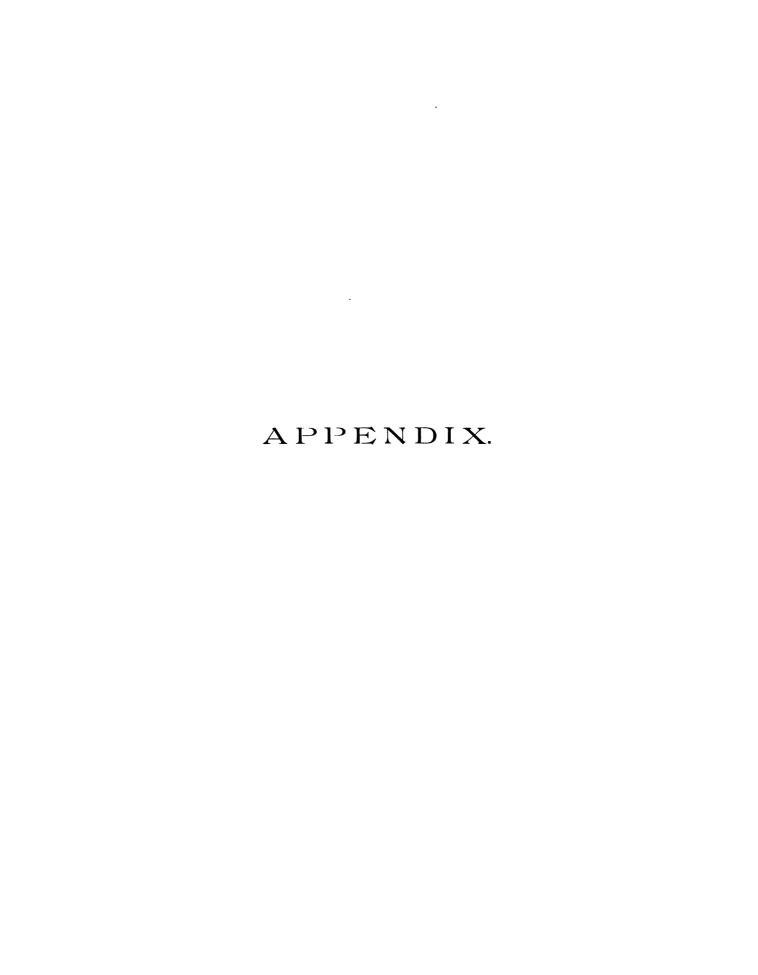
The library needs a helping hand from each and every member of the association; with such assistance the membership can readily be doubled, and the income made not only to wipe out the entire indebtedness, but leave a handsome fund for the purchase of books in such numbers as to supply the increasing demand.

Judge W. F. Ferguson bequeathed to the association portraits of his father, the late Judge Peter Ferguson, mother and self. They have been received from the executor and placed in the library.

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the board of direction.

ROBERT E. CARR,

President.



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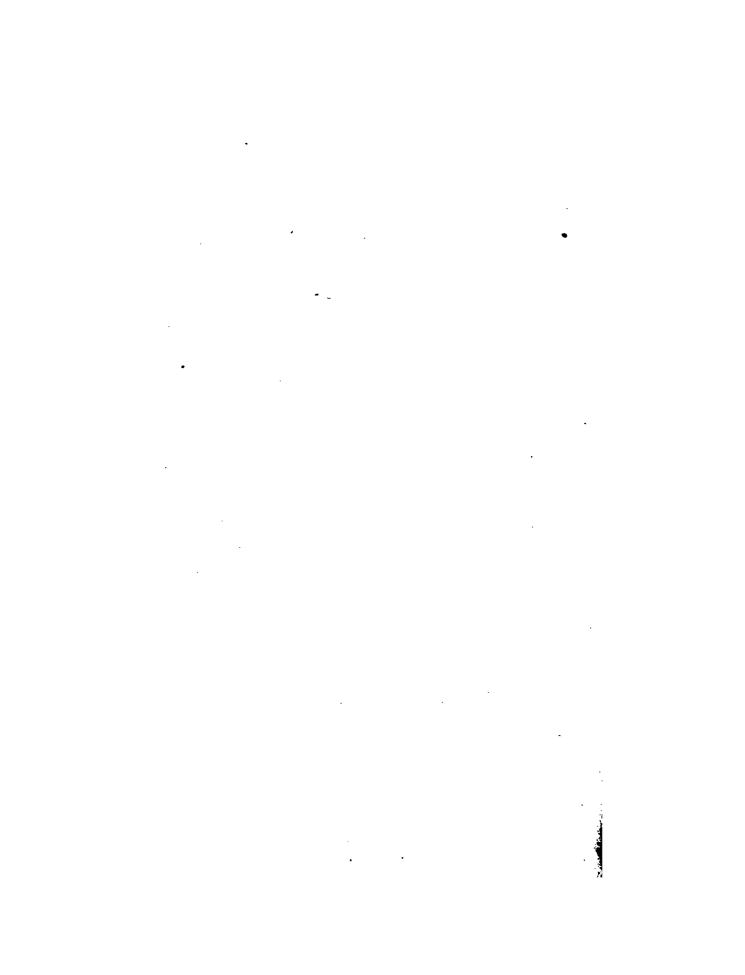
## APPENDIX.

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Cabanne, J. C.	1	••••
Carr, Lucien	i	••••
Carr, Mrs. W. C.	i	•
Chicago Public Library		1
Cincinnati Mercantile Library	••••	i
Cincinnati Public Library	 1	12
Clarke, Robert & Co.	î	12
Cobden Club	i	••••
Columbia College Library	1	1
Congress Library of	••••	1
Congress, Library of Crittenden, Gov. Thos. T.	 1	
Crosby, F. L.	1	1
Cunningham, A. B.	 1	1
Curtis, E. P.	1	
Curtman, Chas. O.	1	••••
Dillon, John A.	16	 1
Dixwell, George B.		1
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Gardiner, C. C.	4	••••
Globe Printing CompanyGould, David B	2	••••
Gould, David D	2	••••
Carried forward	59	${25}$

		PPHS.
Brought forward	59	25
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents	155	
Hardaway, Dr. W. A.	2	
Harvard College Library	-	4
Hayward, George A	2	•
Hewett, Hon. A. S.	ī	••••
Howe, S. F. & Co	i	
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Kansas State Board of Agriculture	ī	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Cent. Henry T	î	
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Leighton, George E	4	•
Levison, S	i	
Lewis, Charles E	i	
Lockwood, George R	i	
Long Island Historical Society	î	
Ludington, James	1	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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McDonough & Co	1	••••
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McLean, Hon. J. H	2	
Meeker, Mrs. Joseph R	i	ï
Milwaukee Public Library	_	i
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New York Produce Exchange	1 1	•
New York Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen	3	
New York State Library	1	•
Pendleton, A. B	1	
Philadelphia Library Company	••••	2
Philadelphia Mercantile Library		1
Priest, John G	1	
Providence Public Library	 1	1
Pulitzer, Joseph	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Raikes, Captain G. A	$\frac{2}{2}$	•
Ramsey, Charles		••••
Ripon, Earl of, Governor-General of India	3	
St. Louis Board of Health		12
St. Louis, City of	4	
St. Louis Fair Association	1	1
St. Louis Merchants' Exchange		1
St. Louis Museum of Fine Arts		1
St. Louis Public School Library	1	+
St. Louis School and Museum of Fine Arts		1
San Francisco Mercantile Library		1

GIVERS.	VOLS.	PPHS.
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Shaw. Robert	1	
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Smitmeyer, J. L.	-	i
Smitmeyer, J. L.	7	12
Thompson, Wm. II	į	
Townsend, T. D.	1	
Tucker, O. D	i	
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United States Engineers' Department	ï	17
United States Interior Department	73	25
United States Patent; Office Department	ίĭ	217
United States Navy Department		1
United States Signal Office, War Department	1	
United States State Department	i	18
United States Treasury Department	i	12
United States Treasury Department	12	15
United States War Department	12	1.7
Valle, Mrs. Jules	11	
Vest, Hon. G. G		
Willey, F. O. Williams, John F.	2	•
Williams, John F	1	
Winthrop, John S	1	
Worcester Free Library		1
Wright, H. G	1	
Yale College		+
Yeatman, James A	Į.	
Yeatman, James E	2	
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1846-7									JAMES E. YEATMAN.
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#### THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## St. Louis Mercantile Library Association,

JANUARY 9, 1883.

ROOMS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 9, 1883.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was held in the reading-room, Tuesday evening, January 9, 1883. The meeting was called to order—in the absence from the city of the president—by W. L. Scott, recording secretary, on whose motion Mr. James E. Yeatman was called to the chair.

Edward Wilkerson and Mortimer N. Burchard were appointed secretaries.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The committee of ways and means submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:—

St. Louis, January 9, 1883.

To the President of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association: The committee of ways and means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the association, and find the same correct, and properly supported by vouchers, for all disbursements made to date.

ROBT. S. BROOKINGS, E. S. MEYSENBURG, Committee. The report of the treasurer, John R. Lionberger, was read, and, on motion, accepted and adopted.

Mr. Scott read the annual report of the board of direction, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Alfred Carr offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the association are hereby tendered the president and his fellow-directors for the faithful discharge of their duties, as exhibited by the report just presented.

Mr. C. R. Stinde offered the following, which was adopted: —

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the daily papers for publication, and that one thousand copies of the report be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES E. YEATMAN, Chairman.

MORTIMER N. BURCHARD, EDWARD WILKERSON, Secretaries.

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

## 1882.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 9, 1883.

Gentlemen: — I have the honor to submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements during the year 1882:

Exhibit "A" - Cash account.

Exhibit "B" — Balance sheet.

Exhibit "C" — Profit and loss account.

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EXHIBIT "B" — BALANCE SHEET.

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EXHIBIT "C"-PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

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Very respectfully, JOHN R. LIONBERGER, Treasurer.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

ROOMS OF THE ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 9, 1883.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

Gentlemen: — The annual report of the treasurer, which is submitted herewith, shows that the financial condition of your association during the past year has been satisfactory. I have the pleasure of adding that the detailed statements of membership, books, circulation, and general circumstances of the library, which it is my duty to report to you, show that if the year has not been marked by any unusual gains, it has been one of steady and enduring prosperity. The income from all sources for the past year, as shown by the treasurer's statement, was twenty-five thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eight dollars. Out of this the board of direction has succeeded in paying the current expenses of the library, and also in paying off the note of the association, secured by deed of trust for four thousand dollars, due on the 28th of March last, together with the accrued interest on our indebtedness, amounting to seventeen hundred and twenty-three dollars and fiftyfive cents. We have also, in addition to the ordinary payments of each year, been called on to pay a bill for English newspapers and magazines amounting to seventeen hundred and seventy-three dollars and thirty cents, which represents the indebtedness incurred for that purpose during the three previous years, which had remained unpaid because, in spite of repeated efforts, our predecessors had not been able to obtain the bill from our agent in England. These special sources of expenditure have left a floating debt of nineteen hundred and eighty-three dollars to be paid out of the income of the coming year.

#### MEMBERSHIPS.

We have enrolled, during the past year, four hundred and ten new members, and have lost, from all causes, three hundred and sixty, leaving at the close of the year three thousand and twenty-four.

The changes are as follows:—

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#### BOOKS.

During the year twenty-three hundred and sixtynine volumes have been added to the library by purchase and donation; twenty-seven volumes have been lost and paid for; twenty-seven duplicate volumes sold, and twelve volumes, condemned as worthless, have been withdrawn, leaving a net increase of twenty-three hundred and three, and the number of volumes in the library as follows:—

Volumes reported last year	-	55,938
Volumes added during the year 1882	2 —	
Purchased	- 1,759	
Presented	- 181	
Volumes of periodicals bound -	- 411	
Volumes of newspapers bound -		2,369
Total	-	58,307
Deduct —		
Volumes duplicates sold	- 27	
Volumes lost and paid for	- 27	•
Volumes withdrawn as worthless	- 12	66
Number of books in library Dec. 31,	1882 -	- 58,241
The additions are classified as	follows	: <del></del>
Voyages and Travels	- 126	
History	- 258	
Biography	- 141	
Theology	- 63	
Politics and Government	- 105	
Commerce	- 18	
Jurisprudence	- 19	
Mental and Moral Philosophy	- 20	
The Natural Sciences	- 111	
Science of Medicine	- 86	
Military Science	- 20	
Useful Arts	- 280	
Miscellaneous	- 420	
Poetry	- 145	
Art	- 79	
Prose Fiction	- 478	<b>2</b> ,369

#### CIRCULATION.

The number of volumes issued during the year shows a continual increase, being 157,752 volumes, against 143,722 the preceding year. The statement of books issued is as follows:—

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Fiction -	. <b>-</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,719	67,990
Poetry and	Aı	rt	-	-	-	-	-	23,912	31,396
Philosophy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,385	28,564
History -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,706	29,802
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Poetry and Art	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.64	19.90
Fiction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47.12	43.10

## . The expenditures for books have been as follows: —

						\$7,632	06
Binding and repairing books,	-	-	-	-	-	1,003	47
Purchase of periodicals,	-	-	-	-	-	2,049	29
Purchase of newspapers,	-	-	-	-	-	1,060	31
Purchase of books,	-	-	-	-	-	<b>\$</b> 3,518	99

Among the acquisitions of the library, I wish to call special attention to the new edition of "Poole's Index to Periodical Literature," which is a most valuable work of reference for the use of members of the library; it carries the index of the subjects treated of in all the leading magazines and periodicals down to the close of 1881. Quite a number of costly books

have been purchased, chiefly in the art department, and among the books of reference, such as the large paper edition of Hamerton's "The Graphic Arts," Lienard's "Spécimens de la Décoration et de l'Ornementation," Ume's "L'Art Décoratif," Renard's "Album Archéologique," Dietterlin's "Livre de l'Architecture," and other works on architecture and decoration; La Rousse's great "Dictionnaire du XIX<sup>E</sup> Siècle" in sixteen volumes; the "Annales des Ponts et Chaussées," which we now have completed down to date, in two hundred and seven volumes, while the monthly lists of new books displayed at the delivery desk have shown that current literature has not been neglected.

Your thanks are due Mr. Charles H. Bailey for photographic views of Constantinople and Cairo, handsomely framed.

#### INSURANCE.

Your property is insured for one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars, in good and responsible offices.

#### BUILDING.

The question of a new building is one which your board of direction have kept constantly in mind, and in their opinion that question is now narrowed down to one of two alternatives, as our present quarters are so overcrowded that it will soon be absolutely necessary to provide additional room, and we have no space for new bookcases, unless we occupy the entire floor of the present library, thereby excluding all readers, and simply making it a store-room for books.

The present reading-room is so badly lighted as to render it almost unfit for such a purpose, since the erection of the block of buildings just west of us the light has been almost entirely excluded, and we have been compelled to burn gas all day, making it excessively hot in summer and expensive at all seasons.

If the association finds that it cannot raise the means to erect a new fire-proof building on this site. it must remodel the present building. The very lowest estimated cost of the first plan of improvement is \$250,000; of the second plan, from \$75,000 to \$100,000, and it is for you to say which shall be adopted.

I am authorized by the board of direction to say that, in any action you may take in this matter, you will have the hearty co-operation and assistance of the Board, both personally and officially.

I take the liberty of suggesting, in view of the importance of the subject, that a special meeting be called early in the spring, at which a special effort should be made to secure a full attendance of the members, of the directors past and present, and of all the friends of the association, at which a concerted effort should be made to bring about the long desired consummation of your wishes in regard to a new building.

If we shall be so fortunate as to succeed in maturing a financial plan which will enable us to erect a new building, we can, by making use of the modern resources of the builder's science, and of the most recent results of library management, become the possessors of a building which will stand conspicuous among the library buildings of the world, besides being a most valuable property for purposes of revenue. It is a question for your body to consider whether it would be practicable to secure the means of erecting

such a building by subscriptions to a building fund, and by borrowing such additional amount as should be needed, and also to consider whether the interest involved would justify such a course.

In case this plan should, unfortunately, be beyond our means, I beg to suggest a plan of remodelling the building which would increase our revenue, while adding greatly to the attractiveness of the library and the comfort and convenience of the members. The general features of this plan of remodelling are,—

1st. The removal of the books and reading-room to the grand hall.

2d. The conversion of the present library and reading-room into stores or offices.

3d. The improvement of the staircases and the introduction of elevators; and,—

4th. The transfer of the delivery desk, the circulating department, and the new books, to the ground floor.

Ample room can be provided on the ground floor for an issue department, which would be a great saving of time and effort to the members who wish to take out books, and the advantages of such a provision suggest themselves at first sight.

It is the opinion of the librarian, whose long experience in the library gives special value to his suggestions, that such an arrangement would be a great convenience to the members, would greatly increase the circulation, and lead to an increase in membership, without any increased cost for management.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the board of direction.

ROB'T E. CARR, President.

# APPENDIX.

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### APPENDIX.

### Gifts During the Year 1882.

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American Pharmaceutical Association	•••	1
Bacon, Henry D	1	·
Baltimore Mercantile Library	•••	1
Berg, Nicholas	1	
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Blaksley, Henry	2	
Boonville Advertiser	1	
Boston Public Library	•••	4
Buffalo Young Men's Association		1
Carr, Mrs. Wm. C	7	
Chicago Public Library	1	2
Cincinnati Public Library	1	12
Congress, Library of	•••	1
Cunningham	19	
Diekenga, I. E	1	
Dillon, Jno. A	17	. <b>.</b> .
Eads, Jas. B	3	
Ewing, Hon. Wm. L	1	
Globe Printing Co	3	
Green, Sam'l A	1	
Halderman, Jno. A	2	
Hallett, Hon. W. H	1	
Harvard College Library	•••	4
Harvard College Astronomical Observatory	6	
Hibbert, James	1	
Hilder, F. F	•••	! 1
Indianapolis Public Library		1
Jerome, Gov. D. H	1	
Jones, G. I	1	
Long Island Historical Society		1
McDanolds, Jas. S	2	
McGrath, Hon. Mich'l K	6	

Givers.	Vols.	Pphs.
MacRee, Fergus	3	l
Milwaukee Public Library	•••	2
Missouri Historical Society	1	
Missouri University	•••	1
Morgan, Geo. H	1	
New Jersey Historical Society	1	l
New York Apprentices' Library		1
New York Mercantile Library		1
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Chompson, Wm. P	1	
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### ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY,

S. W. COR. FIFTH AND LOCUST STREETS.

### TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Any person engaged in mercantile pursuits as a proprietor may become an active member by paying an initiation fee of five dollars and an annual subscription, payable in advance, of five dollars.

Any person similarly engaged as a CLERK may become an active member by paying an initiation fee of two dollars and an annual subscription of three dollars.

All other persons may become BENEFICIARIES by paying FIVE DOLLARS, annually, in advance.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP, FIFTY DOLLARS.

### THE LIBRARY

Now contains SIXTY THOUSAND VOLUMES, to which all new works of general interest are added promptly, and in numbers proportionate to the demand.

### THE READING-ROOM

Is regularly supplied with the principal newspapers and magazines, domestic and foreign. The Library and Reading-room are open from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. from May to November, and from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. from November to May.

### THE CHESS-ROOM

Is free to all members, and open during library hours.

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ASSOCIATION.

1882.

### THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

### BOARD OF DIRECTION

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1882.

ST. LOUIS:
Press of G. I. Jones and Company.

### OFFICERS

### ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

PRESIDENT:

ROBERT E. CARR.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

ROBERT S. BROOKINGS.

SECRETARIES:

Corresponding,

Recording,

EMIL A. MEYSENBURG. WILLIAM L. SCOTT.

TREASURER:

JOHN R. LIONBERGER.

DIRECTORS:

GERARD B. ALLEN, HENRY STANLEY,

SAMUEL M. KENNARD, JOHN W. MUNSON,

PIERRE CHOUTEAU, BENJAMIN S. ADAMS.

ACTUARY AND LIBRARIAN:

JOHN N. DYER.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS:

First,

Second,

W. H. H. ANDERSON. JAMES A. YEATMAN.

DESK CLERKS:

JAMES A. SUBLETTE. RICHARD R. STINDE.

### . COMMITTEES FOR 1882.

### WAYS AND MEANS:

ROBERT S. BROOKINGS, GERARD B. ALLEN, EMIL A. MEYSENBURG.

### LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM:

SAMUEL M. KENNARD, HENRY STANLEY, JOHN W. MUNSON.

### BOOKS AND DONATIONS:

WILLIAM L. SCOTT, SAMUEL M. KENNARD. EMIL A. MEYSENBURG, BENJAMIN S. ADAMS,

### LECTURES:

JOHN R. LIONBERGER, PIERRE CHOUTEAU, HENRY STANLEY.

### HALL AND BUILDING:

ROBERT E. CARR, ROBERT S. BROOKINGS, JOHN R. LIONBERGER.

### PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

### FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

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1846-7		•				JAMES E. YEATMAN.
1848-9			•			ALFRED VINTON.
1850-1						Hudson E. Bridge.
1852 .						HENRY D. BACON.
1853 .						J. H. ALEXANDER.
1854-5						JOHN T. DOUGLASS.
1856 .						W. M. Morrison.
1857 .						John W. Luke.
1858 .						M. V. L. McClelland.
1859-60						J. B. S. LEMOINE.
1861 .						ALFRED CARR.
1862-3	•.					John H. Beach.
1864-5						CHARLES MILLER.
1866-7						GEORGE R. ROBINSON.
1868-9						LAFAYETTE WILSON.
1870-1						RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.
1872-3				•		CHARLES SPECK.
1874-5						SAMUEL M. DODD.
1876-7						Edwin Harrison.
1878-9						R. R. Hutchinson.
1880-1			•			THOMAS E. TUTT.

### TRUSTEES.

JAMES E. YEATMAN, JOHN H. BEACH,

J. B. S. LEMOINE, JOHN W. LUKE,

RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.

### THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

January 10, 1882.

ROOMS OF MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 10, 1882.

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the St Louis Mercantile Library Association was held this evening in the reading-room at 7:30 o'clock, and was called to order by Mr. Thomas E. Tutt, the president, who requested Mr. R. R. Hutchinson to occupy the chair.

Messrs. Chas. L. Case and M. N. Burchard we're elected secretaries.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The committee of ways and means submitted the following report:

St. Louis, January 10, 1882.

The committee of ways and means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the association, and find the same correct and properly supported by vouchers for all disbursements made to date.

ROBT. E. CARR,
ROBT. S. BROOKINGS,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. John W. Luke, the report of the committee was received and adopted.

The treasurer, Mr. John R. Lionberger, read his report

of the receipts and expenditures for the year, showing the present financial condition of the association.

On motion of Mr. Alfred Carr, the report was received and adopted.

Mr. Thomas E. Tutt read the report of the board of direction, which, on motion, was received and adopted.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. J. W. Luke, was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the reports of the board of direction which have been submitted to this meeting show a steady increase in the prosperity of the Mercantile Library Association for the past year in a pecuniary sense, as well as in the continued ability of the Mercantile Library to subserve the purposes for which it was founded; and to the president and board of direction, who have contributed by their faithful labors to the results of the past year, the thanks of the association are due and are hereby tendered.

Mr. C. R. Stinde offered the following, which was also adopted:—

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to the daily papers for publication, and that eight hundred copies of the annual reports be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

On motion of Mr. S. M. Kennard, the meeting adjourned.

R. R. HUTCHINSON,

Chairman.

C. L. CASE, M. N. BURCHARD, Secretaries.

### TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

1881.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 10, 1882.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements during the year 1881.

Exhibit "A" — Cash account.

Exhibit "B" - Balance sheet.

Exhibit "C" - Profit and loss account.

# EXHIBIT "A"—CASH ACCOUNT.

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EXHIBIT "B"—BALANCE SHEET.

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# EXHIBIT "C"—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.		CREDIT.
To Books worn out and condemned	\$1,453 67	By Ante-rooms
Binding	1,183 88	Beneficiaries 3,394
Expense account	3,885 21	Books donated 803
Insurance	1,690 00	•
Interest	1,763 75	Extra books 414
Magazines	24 28	•
Organ	1 00	•
Repairs	964 30	Hall stores 10,303
Salaries	7,859 65	•
Balance — net gain this year	5,966 39	Old scrap iron sold 5
		Old gas fixtures sold
		Proprietors 2,222 50
	\$24,792 13	\$24,792 13

JOHN R. LIONBERGER,

Treasurer.

### ANNUAL REPORT.

ROOMS OF THE ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, ST. LOUIS, January 10, 1882.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

Gentlemen: With the close of the thirty-sixth year of the existence of your association, the board of direction beg to submit the annual report of their management of the trust confided to them, and of the present condition of the association. The detailed statements herewith submitted, and to which your attention is invited, will show that the interests of the association have been faithfully and efficiently guarded, and that the substantial growth and progress of past years have been fairly maintained.

### INCOME.

The treasurer's report shows a diminution of income, which is chiefly owing to the fact that the stores numbers 317 and 319 north Fifth street were vacant during a part of the year, the diminished income from this source alone representing a loss of more than eleven hundred dollars. The rents from the grand hall show a slight increase, but not enough to warrant us in considering that part of our property a profitable investment.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The list of members shows that during the year we have

added 452 members, and have lost from all causes 275, leaving a net gain of 177, and a total at the close of the year of 3,550 members, including delinquents.

### The changes are as follows:—

Number of me						-	-										•
Added during	the	e y	ea	r.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	452
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Lost from all o	:au	ses		•	•		•			•	•	•	•	•			275
Number of me	mì	er	s J	an	uar	y 1	, 1	882									3,550
Delinquent.	•					•	•	•								•	576
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Honorary men	nbe	rs															20
Life members																	684
Proprietors .		•															446
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At the close of the year there were 576 members delinquent in the payment of their dues. At the corresponding period of last year 490 members were reported delinquent, and we consider this question of sufficient importance to call your attention to it for such action as you may think proper.

### BOOKS.

During the past year the library has been increased by the addition of 1,658 volumes, which represent an outlay of \$3,064.72. The expenditures in that department are as follows:—

For the purchase of books					<b>\$</b> 3,064	<b>72</b>
For the purchase of newspapers.					798	<b>56</b>
For the purchase of periodicals.					641	99
For binding and repairing books		•			1,205	<b>5</b> 8
					<b>\$5,7</b> 10	85

During the year 12 volumes have been lost and paid for, and 1,398 volumes have been condemned as worthless and withdrawn from the library, leaving a net increase of 248 in the number of volumes in the library, as follows: -

Volumes reported last year					55,690
Added during the year 1881:					
Purchased				1,087	
Presented				316	
• Volumes of periodicals bound				236	
Volumes of newspapers bound	•	•		19—	1,658
Delega					57,348
Deduct: —					
Volumes lost and paid for				12	
Volumes withdrawn as worthless .	•			1,398 —	1,410
Leaving, December 31, 1881		•			55,938
The additions are classified as fo	llo	ws	:		

	VOLUMES.
Voyages and Travels	. 82
History	. 149
Biography	
Theology	. 52
Politics and Government	. 126
Commerce	. 9
Jurisprudence	. 5
Mental and Moral Philosophy	. 29
The Natural Sciences	. 73
Science of Medicine	. 52
Military Science	. 39
Useful Arts	. 129
Belles Lettres	. 261
Poetry	. 140
Art	. 87
Prose Fiction	. 326
Total	1,658

### CIRCULATION.

The number of volumes issued during the year shows a continual increase, being 143,722 volumes, against 133,148 the preceding year. The statement of books issued is as follows: --

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

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History .													25,011	24,706
Philosophy													27,236	27,385
Poetry and	Art												21,283	23,912
Fiction .		•	•		•		•		•	•		•	59,618	67,719
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History .													18.77	17.19
Philosophy													20.51	19.05
Poetry and													15.97	16.64
Fiction .													44.75	47.12

### LOCATION.

The question of providing a new building for the library, either upon its present site or in a new location, has occupied the attention of the board of direction during the past year. At the December meeting of the board a committee was appointed for the purpose of conferring with the members and patrons of the institution, but their report has not been submitted, owing to the limited time they have had in which to acquire intelligent information upon the subject.

This question of building and location is most urgent and vital. As the association has no endowment or building fund of any kind, it will be necessary to provide such a fund, and it is believed the requisite amount of money can be raised by the united exertion and hearty coöperation of the members with the board of direction.

In order to place the institution on a broad plane of usefulness there ought to be an endowment of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and we feel assured if the wealthy citizens of St. Louis could realize the vast amount of good dispensed yearly by the library, that handsome contributions and bequests would be made.

### BUILDING.

Your building has been kept in as thorough repair as our limited means would justify; the ceiling in the library

room has been frescoed, giving it a bright and cheerful appearance.

### INSURANCE.

Your property is insured in good and responsible offices for one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the board of direction.  $\square$ 

THOMAS E. TUTT,

President.

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### GIFTS DURING THE YEAR 1881.

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#### THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

JANUARY 11, 1881.

ROOMS OF MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 11, 1881.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the association, held this evening, was called to order by the vice-president, Mr. R. E. Carr, on whose motion Mr. R. M. Scruggs was called to the chair.

Messrs. W. C. Buchanan and John W. Munson were appointed secretaries.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The committee on ways and means submitted the following report:—

St. Louis, January 11, 1881.

The committee on ways and means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the association, and find the same correct, and properly supported by vouchers for all disbursements made to date.

ROBT. E. CARR, ROBT. S. BROOKINGS, JOHN J. CANTWELL,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Hargadine the report of the committee was received and adopted.

The treasurer, Mr. John R. Lionberger, read his report

of the receipts and expenditures for the year, showing the present financial condition of the association.

On motion of Mr. Charles Speck, the report was received and adopted.

In the absence — on account of illness — of the president, the vice-president, Mr. Robt. E. Carr, read the report of the board of direction, which, on motion of Mr. W. A. Hargadine, was received and adopted.

Mr. Alfred Carr offered the following resolution: -

Resolved, That the thanks of the association are tendered to the officers and members of the board for the faithful manner in which they have discharged their duty during the past year.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. John W. Luke offered the following: -

Resolved, That the incoming board are requested to use every effort to secure the erection of a new building for the use of the association, as recommended in the report of the president.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and the incoming board of direction instructed to make every exertion in its power to further the object of the resolution.

Mr. Geo. H. Loker offered the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the daily papers of the city, and that six hundred copies of the same be printed in pamphlet form for circulation.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Robert P. Barry moved that the rooms be opened on Sundays.

No one seconding this resolution, it was, on motion of Mr. J. W. Luke, referred to the board of direction with power to act.

On motion of Mr. J. R. Lionberger, the meeting adjourned.

R. M. SCRUGGS.

Chairman.

W. C. Buchanan, J. W. Munson, Secretaries.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

1880.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 11, 1881.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending December 31, 1880. And, also, of the present financial condition of the association.

Your bonded debt has been reduced \$4,000 during the year, and we have placed \$3,305 to the credit of the sinking fund in United States 4 per cent. bonds.

Exhibit "A" — Cash account.

Exhibit "B" — Balance sheet.

Exhibit "C" - Profit and loss account.

EXHIBIT "A"—CASH ACCOUNT.

To Balance from last report \$586 Membership account —		
Membership account —	•	
	Books — British Patents	
	Binding	987 94
rs 1,350	Bills payable	
Proprietors 2,122 50	Hall expense	580 14
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Beneficiaries 3,404 00 — 10,062 25	62 25 Fine arts	00 6
Rentals account —	Furniture	253 00
Hall stores 11,717 11	Insurance	1,660 00
Grand hall 3,339 00	Interest	2,100 00
	Magazines	
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Sinking Fund account —	Organ repairs	22 00
Four U.S. 4 per cent. bonds	Periodicals	452 70
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	Stationery	201 05
	Transportation	
	Water supply	$160\ 00 - 3,475\ 05$
	Sinking Fund —	
	Three U. S. 4 per cent. bonds	3,305 00
	Balance in treasury	34 87
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EXHIBIT "B"—BALANCE SHEET.

By stock account Bills payable	DEBIT.		CREDIT.
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EXHIBIT "C"—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To <b>Binding</b>	CREDIT.	
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neurance 1,660 00	Clerks	2,709 7
nterest 1,843 75	Extra books	406
Repairs 781 85	Fines	555 80
	Grand hall	2,758 86
6.05	Hall stores	11,717 1
9,852	Initiation fees	476 00
	Life members	1,350
	Organ rentals	8
	Proprietors	2,122
	Periodicals	392 84
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Very respectfully,

JOHN R. LIONBERGER,
Treasurer.

# ANNUAL REPORT.

ROOMS OF THE ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. LOUIS, January 11, 1881.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

Gentlemen: The annual report for the thirty-fifth year of your association, which is herewith submitted by the board of direction, shows a substantial and gratifying improvement in every department of the institution under their management.

There has been a steady increase in the membership of the library, and an increase in the revenue of the association. Although the receipts from the rent of the grand hall have been largely diminished, we have been able to increase the expenditures for books, binding, and periodicals, adding constantly to the number of volumes on the shelves; and the increase in the circulation and use of the books in the library has been unusual.

The following statement will show in detail the changes and gains under each head during the year:

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The list of members shows that during the year we have added 450 new members, and have lost from all causes 299, leaving a net gain of 151, and a total at the close of the year of 3,373 members.

The changes are as follows: —

January 1, 1880												8,222
Added during the year	•	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	450
Lost by death, removal, etc.												8,672 299
												3,373
Net gain												151

#### Classified as follows: —

Honorary mem	be	rs								20
Life members						٠,				689
Proprietors .			•							485
Clerks										1,082
Beneficiaries										1,097
										3.373

Of the above number we regret to report four hundred and ninety were delinquent in the payment of their dues on the 31st of December.

#### BOOKS.

The expenditure for books under the direction of the book committee has been larger than for any year in the history of the association; and the library has been enriched by the addition of many costly works of permanent value.

The classification of the additions to the library will show, that while the current literature of the day has not been neglected, especial attention has been paid to the publications in the department of fine arts, and in the useful arts and sciences, history and biography.

The list of additions embraces nearly two thousand new volumes, among which the valuable books are so numerous as not to permit us to make any selection for special mention.

During the year the monthly bulletins which have been hung at the delivery desk have kept the members informed of the recent accessions.

The following is an exhibit in detail of the work and expenditures by the book committee:—

Volumes repor	ted las	t y	ear	• •					53,283
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Purchased.								1,979	
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Presented .								202	
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#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

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Philosophy													25,370	27,236
Poetry and	Art	t											15,908	21,283
Fiction .	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		55,946	59,618
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History .													18.9	18.77
Philosophy													21.1	20.51
Poetry and	Art	;											13.3	15.97
Fiction .	•		•		•			•	•	•	•	•	46.7	44.75

#### GRAND HALL.

The grand hall has been painted and put in thorough repair, at an expense of \$593, without any compensating return; the receipts from hall rent being less than for any year in our history. The receipts from the organ have been practically nothing; and we are forced to conclude that the conditions which once made the hall a source of considerable revenue have almost wholly passed away.

#### BUILDING.

The building has been kept in good repair, and the stores have been steadily rented to solvent tenants. The small size and want of light of the stores renders them yearly less suited to the neighborhood, and less profitable in proportion to the valuable space they occupy.

The diminished revenue from the grand hall, and the comparatively small rents of the stores, furnish a very strong inducement to undertake the improvement in the building which has long been needed. It would be a neglect of a pressing and urgent duty if the board of direction failed to call the attention of the members to the important question of a library building.

The whole welfare of the association is involved in this question, and the demand for better accommodations has become imperative.

While we have the most central and desirable location in the city, a membership of which we are justly proud, and a collection of books and literary treasures of rare value, these advantages are marred and the objects of the association thwarted by the drawbacks and inconveniences of the present building, which is in every way unfitted for its purposes.

The discomfort to the members and patrons of the library and the inadequate facilities for the storage and use of the books would alone justify a change; but there are graver reasons which we cannot longer neglect. The frequent fires in the neighborhood are a warning we cannot fail to heed, and ordinary care for the safety of our property demands a fire-proof building, one more in accord with the demands of modern times. We rely with confidence on the position your association has held for thirty-five years, and on its identification with the commercial, industrial and financial interest of the business men of this great city, to keep it in the front line of the city's growth. It rests with the members of this association to say whether their library shall continue to struggle against the drawbacks which are now crippling its usefulness, and threatening its future, or whether they shall by a determined and successful effort place it forever beyond the reach of loss or danger, and upon a basis of permanent prosperity, by providing a commodious, well-lighted, adequate, and fire-proof building, one which will comply with every modern requirement of taste and convenience, and be worthy the reputation of your association, and of the treasures of which we are custodians. We ask you to act upon this matter, and to act at once.

#### INSURANCE.

Your property is insured in responsible companies for one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the board of direction.

THOS. E. TUTT.

President.

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APPENDIX.

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American Pharmaceutical Association .					1	
Ammen, Dan'l						1
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Bandelier, A. F						5
Bent, Silas					2	
Billings, J. S					1	
Bodley, Wm. S					1	
Boston Public Library						5
Brown, B. S					1	
Brown University, Providence						1
Chase, H. S					1	
Chicago Public Library					1	3
Chouteau, Charles P					1	
Cincinnati Public Library					8	
Congress, Library of						1
Delaware Historical Society					1	١
Dillon, John A					2	1
Franklin Fire Insurance Company					1	
Germantown Friend's Free Library .						1
Goodson, J. E					2	
Grady, Mrs. Mary						6
Great Britain, Commissioners of Paten					40	
Hartford College Library						1
Hartford Young Men's Institute						1
Harvard College						1
Helper, H. R						1
Hickey, M					1	
Indianapolis Public Library					1	
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Sanford, W. W							ι
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Waterhouse, S									1	
Wilson, Jr., Geo									1	
Winthrop, John S									1	
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## THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# ST. LOUIS MERGANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

JANUARY 13, 1880.

ROOMS OF MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 18, 1880.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the association, held this evening, was called to order by the president, R. R. Hutchinson, on whose motion Mr. Gerard B. Allen was called to the chair.

On motion of Messrs. Luke and Hutchinson, Messrs. W. C. Buchanan and John R. Lionberger were appointed secretaries.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The committee on ways and means submitted the following report:—

St. Louis, January 13, 1880.

The committee on ways and means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the association, and find the same correct, and properly substantiated by vouchers for all disbursements made.

W. A. HARGADINE, R. B. WHITTEMORE, Committee.

On motion of Mr. John R. Lionberger, the report of the committee on ways and means was received and adopted.

The treasurer, Mr. Thomas E. Tutt, read his report,

giving a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year, which, on motion, was received and adopted.

The president, Mr. R. R. Hutchinson, read the report of the board of direction, which was received, and, on motion of Mr. Alfred Carr, unanimously adopted.

Mr. John W. Luke offered the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the report of the board of direction for the past year, as read by the president, shows a very gratifying condition of the affairs of the library, and the thanks of the association are hereby tendered to the officers and members of the board for the faithful manner in which they have discharged the duty imposed on them.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Alfred Carr offered the following resolution: -

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the daily papers of the city for publication, and that six hundred copies of the same be printed in pamphlet form for gratuitous circulation.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Edwin Harrison, the meeting adjourned.

GERARD B. ALLEN,

Chairman.

W. C. BUCHANAN, J. R. LIONBERGER, Secretaries.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 13, 1880.

GENTLEMEN: — I have the honor to submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements during the year ending December 31, 1879, and of the present financial condition of the association, viz.:

Exhibit "A" - Cash account.

Exhibit "B" — Balance sheet.

Exhibit "C"—Profit and loss account.

EXHIBIT "A"—CASH ACCOUNT.

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EXPENDITURES.	By Books British Patents Books — British Patents Binding and repairing books Grand hall Ante-rooms Insurance Interest Magazines Periodicals Organ repairs of building Salaries Mercantile Library Hall Company Sinking-fund, 4 U. S. 4 p. c. bonds By expense account — Rurniture repairs Fuel Furniture repairs Fuel Furniture repairs Fuel Furniture Periodicals Petty expenses Stationery Frietht Freight Treasury Freight Water supply	
	\$1,369 92 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 17,076 27 00 66 65 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60	\$28,900 84
RECEIPTS.	To Balance from last report  To memberships account —	

EXHIBIT "B"—BALANCE SHEET.

DEBIT.		CREDIT.	
To Books purchased \$100,303 84  Books donated 40,077 08—\$140,380 \$  Cash	. 88	By Stock account	\$286,226 76 87,000 00 4,311 71
Catalogues		•	469 58
and engravings			
2,646 65 110 00—	25,625 65 14,028 10		
	2,492 80 140,000 00		
Sinking fund	1,053 75 100 00		
<b>2888</b>	\$328,008 05	₩858	828,008 05

EXHIBIT "C"—PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.			CREDIT.		
•	•	\$1,425 42	By Ante-rooms	•	•
•	•	136 46	Beneficiaries	•	3,511
		3,576 81		•	
•	•	1,465 00		•	. 422
•	•	2,220 00	_	•	2,5
•	•	2 87	_	•	3,0
	•	1,159 19		•	. 597
	•	8,024 15	_	•	4,441
Balance — Net gain this year	•	12,344 82	Initiation fees	•	310 (
				•	800
			Organ rentals	•	•
			Proprietors	•	2,035 00
			Stores	•	. 11,6
		R30.354 79			830.354 72

Very respectfully,

THOMAS E. TUTT,

Treasurer.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

ROOMS OF MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 13, 1880.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

Gentlemen: — The thirty-fourth year of the existence of your association has passed, and it becomes the duty of the board of direction to advise you of the manner in which it has taken care of the trust confided to it by you, and to give a brief statement of the history of the institution during the past year, and of its present condition and prospects.

As shown by the following statement, our gain for the year, in the number of members, is but small—twenty-seven in all—and this gain has been made only in the last four months. We trust that this may prove a true indication that the general improvement in business has at last reached us, and that the coming year will show a more substantial increase, and one that will reflect more credit on the good taste and culture of the St. Louis public.

The membership list is as follows: —

January 1, 18	379											3,195
Added during												
Lost by deat	h, re	mo	va	l, e	tc.		•				•	3,561 339
Leaving	at p	res	ent	ι.								3,222
Classified as f	ollo	w	3:									
Honorary me	mbo	rs										20
Life-member												667
Proprietors .												469
Clerks												1,006
Beneficiaries												
Total .			•									3,222

### BOOKS.

The amount which we have been able to appropriate to the purchase of books during the year is \$4,167.78, against only \$1,847.38 for the previous twelve months; and the expenditures for binding have been large in proportion. It is gratifying that we have been able to increase thus largely the sum expended in a manner so beneficial to the interests of the Library, and the augmentation in the number of volumes on our shelves, in their character and value, will be found fully to correspond with the increased outlay.

The following list exhibits in detail the work and expenditure in the book department, and, when compared with the previous year's report, shows a gain of 2,367 volumes, and an increased outlay of \$2,231.97 in the purchase of new and the repair and preservation of old books.

Volumes reported last year	50,916
Added during the year 1879, viz. —	
Volumes purchased 1,788	
Volumes periodicals bound 314	
Volumes newspapers bound 17	
Volumes presented	
2,479	
From which deduct—	
Volumes lost and paid for 10	
Worn out and condemned 102— 112	
Leaving a net increase of	2,367
And a grand total of	53,283
Volumes bound during the year	2,031
Volumes repaired during the year	624
Total	2,655

The expenditures by the book committee have been as follows:—

For the purchase of books					<b>\$4,</b> 166	78
For the purchase of newspapers					578	63
For the purchase of periodicals					476	33
For binding and repairing books	••				1,425	42
Total					\$6,647	16

Among the purchases for the year are many works of great beauty and value, which well deserve a careful examination by the lovers of art. The titles of a few of them are given in the following list:—

Bergerat ,M. E. Les Chefs-d'œuvre d'Art, à l'Exposition Universelle,

Encyclopædia Britannica. 9th edition.

Ferguson, James. Temples of the Jews.

Garnier, Charles. Le Nouvel Opéra de Paris.

Glück, ---. L'Album de l'Exposition.

Grimoüard de Saint Laurent, Henri J. Guide de l'Art Chrétien. Etudes d'Esthétique et d'Iconographie.

Isabelle, M. E. Les Edifices Circulaires et les Dômes.

Laborde, Alex. (Comte). Les Monumens de la France.

Michaud, J. F. Histoire des Croisades. Illustree par Gustave Dorè.

Renan, E. Mission de Phénicie.

Russell, W. H. The Prince of Wales's Tour in India.

Upwards of five hundred volumes of popular French and German books, including the works of many standard modern authors, are among the year's additions to our shelves. Three cases of new English books, all late productions, have just arrived, and will be ready for issue in a few days. They number about four hundred volumes, and comprise the choicest works lately issued from the English press.

We have also been favored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science with a gift of a complete set of its publications, twenty-seven volumes; we have received donations from the British Commissioners of Patents, sixty-seven volumes; from Missouri State Board of Agriculture, sixty-three volumes; and from Harvard and Yale Colleges, complete sets of their catalogues and reports.

Another pleasing feature of the year's work is a very handsome increase in the number and improvement in the character of the books issued to readers. The increase in the issue amounts to 8,958 volumes, and the classification shows a decided diminution in the number of books of fiction called for, contrasted with a largely increased demand for works of a higher class. The account of books issued

is so carefully kept that there is no room for a suspicion of mistake, and as the same feature was exhibited, though in a less degree, in our last annual report, when comparing 1877 with 1878, the conclusion that the appreciation of the higher classes of literature is becoming more diffused among us seems as certain as it is gratifying.

The statement of books issued is as follows: -

Number of boo	ks	is	sue	d t	o s	ub	scr	ibe	rs	du	rin	g tl	ıe ;	yea	ır i	s	. 119,997
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																1878.	1879.
History															1	9,093	22,773
Philosophy .															2	4,463	25,370
Poetry and Art															1	0,082	15,908
Fiction				•.											5	57,401	55,946
															11	1,039	119,997
			P	ER	CEI	NTA	GE	0	F	EAG	СН	CI	AS	s.			
																1878	1879.
History																17.1	18.9
Philosophy .																22.0	21.1
Poetry and Art																9.1	13.3
Fiction																51.8	46.7

The want of additional shelf-room is again becoming urgent, and some measures will have to be taken to supply the necessity by providing cases for four or five thousand volumes. This can only be done by a rearrangement of those now in the library-room, and an addition to their number. This will render the room—already too dark—darker still, and necessitate the use of gas during the day-time to a greater extent than before, thus adding to the heavy expenditure for gas which we are now called upon to meet. These gas-bills amount to more than \$2,500 per annum, and form an important item in our expense account. Every effort has been made to diminish the consumption, by removing a large number of burners, but the bills remain about the same.

### CATALOGUE.

The card catalogue is kept up, and is very complete as regards all books obtained since its commencement, about three years ago. Every book is listed by the author's name and by the subject treated of—a single book sometimes requiring as many as fifty cards in the classification of its subject-matter under the proper heads.

#### BUILDING.

The building is in as good condition as the means of the association allow, though a great deal could be most advantageously expended in its improvement and adornment. The expenditure for repairs during the year amounts to \$1,159.19, which was all that could be spared. The reading-room has been repainted, the chess-room papered, the corridors painted and whitened, the grand hall brushed up, and the old hot-air furnace used for heating the library-room replaced by a new one. These, with some other indispensable repairs, exhausted the sum we were enabled to appropriate for such purposes.

Insurance on the building and contents remains the same as reported last year, viz.:—

On the building								\$60,000
On the contents								95,000
Total								\$155,000

All of your stores are rented to good tenants, and no rent payments are in arrear. The receipts from the grand hall have been \$5,340, against \$5,302 in 1878. There is a sum of \$100 still uncollected, which should be added to this year's receipts. The room is greatly in need of painting, and the seats should be upholstered anew.

#### FINANCES.

The stock account, January 1, 1879, showed a total of \$273,881.94, and, as shown by balance-sheet, now aggregates \$286,226.76—a gain of \$12,344.82 for the year.

The treasurer's report, which has been read to you, exhibits in detail the present financial condition of the association, and shows that your board of direction have carried out your instructions, given at the last annual meeting, in regard to the creation of a sinking-fund.

The amount due the Mercantile Library Hall Company has been reduced, by a payment of \$53.95, to \$4,311.61, and we have good reason to hope that we shall never be called upon to pay this. The association owes not a single dollar of floating debt, and the sinking-fund contains \$4,000 United States four per cent bonds, valued at \$4,053.75, which, with the cash on hand, \$586.83—total, \$4,640.58—shows the amount of the reduction of your debt during the year. That debt now stands as follows:—

Loan at six	к ре	er	cen	ıt p	er	anı	nu	m							<b>\$37,000</b>	00
Less cash	and	si	nk	ing	-fu	ınd				•	•	•	•	•	4,640	<b>58</b>
Total															\$32,359	42

The number of strangers who have during the year availed themselves of the use of our rooms, extended to them free of cost for thirty days, is 561. During the prevalence of the yellow fever in Memphis, the refugees from that city were invited to make use of the rooms, and the invitation was accepted by a large number of them.

Since our last annual meeting, Mr. J. H. Alexander, another of the former presidents of our association, and its warm friend and supporter always, has been removed from among us by death. Resolutions of respect and regret have been passed by your board and recorded on the minutes.

We cannot better close this brief summary of the history of the Mercantile Library Association of St. Louis during the year 1879 than by announcing to you the generous gift made to it by Mr. John H. Beach, of the four fine oil paintings, by George C. Bingham, which already orna-

ment the walls of your reading-room. The pictures are entitled,—

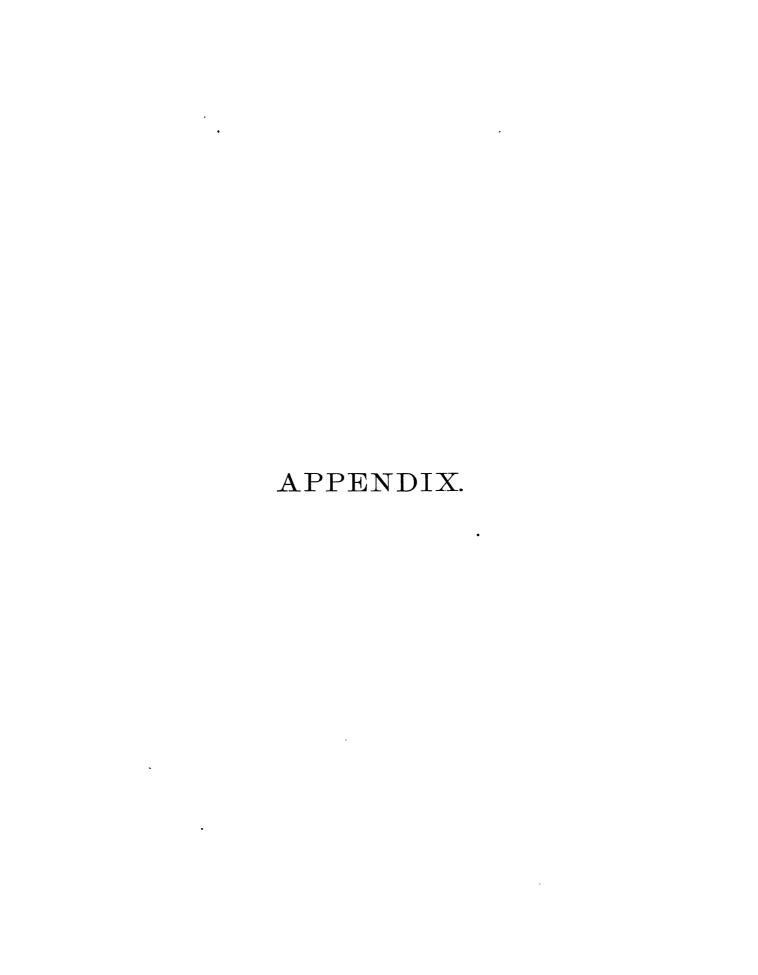
Stump Speaking, The Election,
Announcing the Vote, The Jolly Flatboatmen.

These pictures, always of interest as delineating some of the phases of Western life of forty years ago, are of great merit, and have, since the death of the artist, become specially valuable. They will be counted among the most valued of our art-treasures, and constitute a handsome memorial of the generosity of the giver.

R. R. HUTCHINSON,

President.





## GIFTS DURING THE YEAR 1879.

GIVERS.			Vols.	РРН8.
American Association for the Advancemen			27	
American Institute of Mining Engineers			2	
Arkansas, State of			1	'
Astor Library, New York			1	
Bell, Mrs. Leverett				12
Bebrose, Jr., Louis			1	
Betts, Rev. G. C			1	
Boston Board of Health				1
Boston Public Library			3	2
Brown, B. Gratz				3
Campbell, Rev. C. D. N			2	
Carter, John H			1	
Chicago Public Library				2
Cincinnati Public Library			3	12
Clarke, Robert				1
Cole, Hon. Nathan			21	
Crawford, C. G			1	
Crawford, W. H			1	
Delany, John O'F			2	
Diekenga, J. E			1	
Dillon, John A			10	
Doherty, Rev. D. J			2	
Goode, H. M			6	
Grady, Mrs. Mary				13
Gray-Baker Book and Stationery Company			2	
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents			67	
Hains, Maj. P. C			2	١
Hartford College Library			-	. 1
Hartford Young Men's Institute				. 1
Harvard College			4	21
Harvey, James			i	•
Helper, H. R			2	
Hutchinson, R. R			1	
Hughey, G. W			1	
Jewett, E. E			4	

GIVERS.							Vols	PPHS
Jones & Co., G. I						•	1	
Kershaw, Dr. J. M							1	
King, Moses							1	
Leslie, Edward G								9
Macnally, D. R							1	1
McRee, William G							1	
Melcher, J. F							2	
Milwaukee Public Library								
Missouri State Board of Agriculture								
Missouri State University							. 63	
Morelle, A. L							1	
Morgan, H. H							1	
Moritz, Charles						-	1	
Myer, Gen'l A. J						•	16	
New York Mercantile Library Associa					·	•		• •
New York Produce Exchange					•	•	1	
New York State Library				•	•	•	2	
Pratt, George C		•	•	٠	•	•	1	l ::
Pulsifer, William H				•	•	•	i	١
Ramsey, Charles G				•	•	•	2	
Reaser, Rev. J. G				•	•	•	1	
Relfe, W. S			•	•	•	•	1	
Richmond, Va., Board of Health .			•	•	•	•	1	• •
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Ryan, Rt. Rev. P. J				•	•	•	1	• •
•				•	•	•		i
St. Louis Board of Health				•	•	•	2	
St. Louis City				•	٠	•		• •
St. Louis Fair and Exposition				•	•	•		1
St. Louis Loan Exhibition				•	•	•	1	
St. Louis Public School Library				•	•	•		
San Francisco Mercantile Library .			٠	•	•	•		
Shannon, Hon. R. D			•	•	•	•	1	• •
Shaw, Henry				٠	•	•	1	• •
Sherman, Gen'l W. T				٠	•	•	1	
Simpson, Col. James H		•		•	•	•	1	
Skues, R. A		•	•	٠	•	•	3	• •
Smee, Alfred		•		•	•	•	1	
Smithsonian Institute	•			•	•	•	9	• •
Sonneschein, Rev. S. H			•	•	•	•	1	• •
Sunderland, B					•	•	1	
Tracy, John H				•	•	•	5	
Triplett, John R								
United States Engineers Department							2	
United States Interior Department.							59	٠

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GIVERS.					Vols.	РРН8.
United States Navy Department		 -	•	•	1	
United States State Department					5	
United States Treasury Department					1	
United States War Department					7	
Warder, George W					1	
Warfield, E. W					2	
Warren County Library						2
Washington and Lee University						1
Washington University					!	1
Waterhouse, S					1	
Wherry, Col. William M					12	
Woodward, Tiernan & Hale					1	
Yale College					6	20
Yeatman, James A					1	

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1854-5,	-		-		-		-		-		J. T. Douglass.
1856, -		-		-		-		-		-	W. M. Morrison.
1857,	-		-				-		-		John W. Luke.
1858, -		-		-		-		-		-	M. V. L, McClelland
1859–60,	-		-		-		-		-		J. B. S. Lemoine.
1861, -		-		-		-		-		-	Alfred Carr.
1862–3,	-		-		-		-		-		John H. Beach.
1864–5,		-		-		-		-		-	CHARLES MILLER.
1866–7,	-		-		-		-		-		GEORGE R. ROBINSON.
1868–9,		-		-		-		-		-	LAFAYETTE WILSON.
1870-1,	-		-		-		-		-		RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.
1872-3,		-		-		-		-		-	CHARLES SPECK.
1874-5,	-		-		-		-		-		SAMUEL M. DODD.
1876–7,		-		-		-		-		-	EDWIN HARRISON.
1878,	-		-		-		-		-		R. R. Hutchinson.

## TRUSTEES:

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JOHN H. BEACH,
RICHARD M. SCRUGGS,
J. B. S. LEMOINE,
JOHN W. LUKE.

### THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

## ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

JANUARY 14, 1879.

Rooms of Mercantile Library Association, St. Louis, January 14, 1879.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the association, held this evening, was called to order by Mr. R. R. Hutchinson, Mr. Chas. Miller was appointed chairman, and George A. Hayward and H. H. Wernse secretaries.

The minutes of the annual meeting, held January 8, 1878, also the minutes of the special meeting held March 4, 1878, were read and approved.

The committee on ways and means submitted the following report:

St. Louis, January 13, 1879.

The committee on ways and means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the association, and find the same correct, and properly substantiated by vouchers for all disbursements made.

W. A. HARGADINE,

R. B. WHITTEMORE,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the committee on ways and means was received.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. Thomas E. Tutt, was read and adopted.

The report of the president was then read, and, on motion to that effect, unanimously adopted.

### Mr. J. B. S. Lemoine offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due, and they are hereby tendered, to the president and board of direction, for their very satisfactory management of the affairs of this association for the past year.

The resolution was duly seconded, and carried unanimously.

### Mr. J. H. Alexander offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this meeting approves the creation of the sinking fund by the present board of direction, and we recommend that its successors carry out the provisions of said sinking fund.

The resolution was adopted.

### Mr. R. M. Scruggs offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished to the daily papers of the city for publication, and that six hundred copies of the same be published in pamphlet form.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Thomas E. Tutt, the meeting adjourned.

CHARLES MILLER,

Chairman.

GEORGE A. HAYWARD, HENRY H. WERNSE,

EXHIBIT "A" -- CASH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
To Balance from last account,	\$ 128 32	\$ 1,703 41	
		tish Patents, 143 97-	\$ 1,847 38
Initiation fees, \$ 323 00			965 26
Life members, 300 00		Bills payable, 36,100 00	
tors,		5,000 00— 41,	41, 100 00
		Grand hall expenses	699 62
Beneficiaries, 3,587 50—	9,006 25	Ante-rooms expenses	28 80
To rentals account —	,	Insurance,	1,357 50
Grand hall, 5,302 00		Interest,	3,064 55
		issue	154 92
Hall stores, 11,738 56-	17,259 56		788 69
To bills payable account —			813 86
Notes secured by deed of trust,	37,000 00	Organ expenses,	25 00
To miscellaneous accounts —		Repairs,	452 70
Books lost and paid for, 22 80			8,052 82
Books (duplicates) sold, 28 15			•
Book bulletins sold, 1 60		Advertising, 111 90	
Books issued at 10 cents per		261	
week, 419 70		Furniture repairs 121 05	
Fines for detention of books, . 410 25		Ice,	
Magazines issued, at 10 cents per		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
week, 158 20		enses,	
Organ — receipts from rent, 80 00—	1,120 70	Printing, 203 75	
		1, 13 80	
		ı	3,793 81
		By balance, January 1, 1879,	1,369 92
	\$64,514 83	\$64.	\$64,514 83

EXHIBIT "B" — BALANCE SHEET.

CREDIT.	By Stock account,	\$315,247 60
	\$9,120 55— \$133,784 82 Bills produced by 120 55— \$133,784 82 Bills produced by 1,369 92 Mercan 250 00 50 00 0,234 00 0,735 00 0,735 00 0,735 00 0,735 00 0,735 00 0,735 00 0,735 00 0,7492 80 0,7492	\$315,247 60
DEBIT.	To Books purchased.  Books donated.  Cash.  Catalogues.  Cabinet of minerals,  Fine Arts— Paintings and engravings. Statuary, Numismatic collection. Old relics. Furniture. Organ, Periodicals, Real estate. Stage scenery.	

EXHIBIT "C" - PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

\$39,069 95		\$39,069 95	
11,233 46	erty,		
•	Balance—net loss in the reappraisement of prop-		
11,738 56	Stores,	70 00— 20,550 65	Stage scenery, 8
2,095 00	Proprietors,		
. 55 00	Organ, rentals,	, ro 60	
3 28	Magazines issued,	8,545 50	Fine arts, , 8,5
300 00	Life members,	00 601,10	
323 00	Initiation fees,		Reduction in revaluation of property—
4.602 38	Grand hall,	8,052 82	Salaries,
410 25		452 70	Repairs,
2.700 75		69 889	Newspapers,
9 -		3,064 55	Interest,
419 70	Books, extra issues of	1,357 50	Insurance,
1,409 27	_	3,793 81	Expense account,
3.587.50		143 97	British patents,
\$ 190 20	By	\$ 965 26	To Binding,
	CREDIT.		DEBIT.

Very respectfully, THOS. E. TUTT,

## ANNUAL REPORT.

ROOMS OF MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 14, 1879.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association:

Gentlemen:— We have reached the period at which it becomes the duty of the board of direction to present to you its annual report of the history and operations of our association. In doing so we congratulate you that, though we are unable to record any brilliant improvement in the condition and prospect of the library, yet, in spite of the hard times, no ground has been lost, and in many respects we stand in better condition than at the commencement of 1878.

Our membership list shows but little change since the last annual report:

At that time the total was					3, 186
There were added during the year	•	•	•	•	<b>34</b> 9
					3.535
There were lost by death, removal, etc	•	•	•	•	340
Leaving at present,					3, 195

A gain of nine members for the year.

The members are classified as follows:

				Not delin- quent.	Delin- quent.	Total.
Honorary mem	bers.			18		18
Life members,				66o	_	66o
Proprietors,				421	53	474
Clerks, .				939	75	1,014
Beneficiaries,				844	185	1,029
				2,882	313	3,195

Those classed as delinquent are behind hand in the liquidation of their dues, but are expected to pay them in a short time, all considered *bad* having been dropped from the rolls.

The number of books on our shelv	es	reported			
last year was,					49, 155
To which we have added—					
Of volumes purchased,				953	
Volumes, periodicals bound,				258	
Volumes presented,				649	
				1,860	
From which are to be deducted—					
Volumes lost and paid for, .			19		
Volumes worn out and condemned	ł.		79		
Volume stolen from library table,			1		
			_	99	1,761
Showing a grand total now in our po	osse	ession of			50,916

and an addition of 1,761 volumes during the year.

The expenditures in the book department have been as follows:

For purchase	of b	ooks,						\$1,847 38
For purchase	iewspa	pers,					788 69	
For purchase	of p	eriodi	cals.					813 86
For binding,	٠	•	•	•	•	•	•	965 26
Total.								\$4.415.10

The increase in number of books for the year is less than usual, but our financial condition rendered it advisable to practice the strictest economy in every department, and reduced us to the necessity of purchasing only such books as were required to maintain the standard of excellence demanded of a great library, and of declining to acquire many works of luxury and art, highly desirable in themselves, but which can be dispensed with until a more favorable season. We have not failed, however, to keep up a full supply of all new works of value as they appeared. There is now ordered, and on the way, a fine collection of about 600 English, French, and German works, all lately issued from the press, and which should reach us during the present month.

The total number of books issued to subscribers during the year is 111,039.

For purposes of comparison, we append the classification and percentage of each class for the last two years, viz.:

						1877.	<i>1878</i> .
History, .						18,873	19,093
Philosophy,						20,719	24,463
Poetry and art,						9,944	10,082
Fiction, .		•			•	58,276	57,401
						107,812	111,039
•	PERC	ENTA	GE O	F EAG	сн сі	LASS.	
						1877.	1878.
History, .						17.6	17.1
Philosophy,						19.2	22.0
Poetry and art,						9.3	9.1
Fiction, .						53.9	51.8

The reading-room continues to be one of the most attractive features of the library. It is a source of much regret that the neighboring buildings have greatly obscured its light, and rendered necessary the consumption of a large quantity of gas. In connection with it, the chess-room is well patronized, and seems to be highly appreciated by many of our members.

The library was closed, on account of the extreme heat, after 8 o'clock P. M., from July 19th to August 31st, opening two hours earlier in the morning to compensate for the earlier time of closing.

The system of issuing periodicals at ten cents per week has been approved by experience, and has yielded a small sum over the cost of additional magazines subscribed for. At the request of many members, an order has been made to increase the list of periodicals thus issued so as to include several of the most prominent foreign magazines.

The issue of extra volumes to subscribers, on payment of a small fee per volume, has also continued to earn commendation from all interested, and yielded us the sum of \$419.70 for the year. We anticipate a considerable increase of revenue from this source in the future.

A large number of strangers have visited our rooms during the year, and 502 have received tickets granting them the freedom of the library for thirty days.

The card catalogue is kept up to date, and affords a ready key to the contents of the library. Our financial condition will, probably, for some time to come, preclude the idea of a continuation of the printed catalogue; until we are wealthier, the present plan must suffice.

The building is in good condition, and is insured for \$60,000. The remainder of our property is covered by policies for \$95,000, making, in all, \$155,000. The companies holding risks are carefully selected, and the insurance well divided among them. The stores are all rented to good tenants, and the grand hall continues to yield a fair revenue, amounting to \$4,602.38 net, an increase of \$918.50 over the last year.

The organ still remains in position, no satisfactory opportunity to dispose of it having presented itself. A sale would, doubtless, have been effected in one instance, but, on measurement, the instrument proved to be too large for the space it was intended to occupy.

We have received a number of valuable donations during the year, among them, deserving of special mention, are a collection of gold, silver, and copper coins, presented by Mr. David Bailey; and a number of autographs and other interesting relics, the gift of Mr. Thomas Dimmock. We are also indebted to Mr. J. W. Clemens for four book-cases and 270 volumes presented to us.

We were instructed, under resolution adopted by the association January 8, 1878, to reduce the valuation of our property to a more reasonable basis. The work has been done, and the following is a statement of the reductions made, viz.:

Furniture, .						\$8,510 60
Fine arts, .	•					8.545 50
Catalogues,						1,709 00
Stage scenery,	•					870 ∞
Gas reflectors,	•		•	•	•	915 55
Total,						\$20,550 65

The stock account January 1, 1878, aggregated \$285,-115.40. So that the reductions amount to somewhat over seven per cent of the whole. We consider the present valuation as nearly correct as the nature of the case permits. Notwithstanding the large amount thus stricken from our books, the treasurer's report shows a decrease in stock account of only \$11,233.46, thus giving us the gratifying assurance that we have gained \$9,317.19 during the year.

Acting under authority of resolutions passed at the last annual meeting, and at a special meeting held March 4, 1878, the board of direction have funded \$37,000 of your debt on most favorable terms. They have given the notes of the association, secured by deed of trust on its real estate, for the whole amount, with six per cent interest, payable semi-annually, the outstanding notes falling due as follows:

Year.			Interest notes	Principal notes.	Total.
1879,			\$2,220 00		\$2,220 00
1880,			2,100 00	\$4,000 00	6,100 00
1881,			1,860 oo	4,000 00	5,860 00
1882,			1,620 00	4,000 00	5,620 00
1883,			1,380 00	4,000 00	5,380 00
1884,			1,140 00	4,000 00	5,140 00
1885,			900 00	4,000 00	4,900 00
1886,			66o oo	4,000 00	4,660 00
1887,			420 00	4,000 00	4,420 00
1888,	•	•	150 00	5,000 00	5,150 00
			\$12,450 00	\$37,000 00	\$49,450 ∞

Our object has been to arrange matters so that the whole debt may be conveniently paid in the course of ten years, out of the current resources of the association, without undue strain, or any greater impairment of the power of the association to carry out the objects for which it was created than is absolutely necessary. In order to render sure the liquidation of this debt, as far as it can, your board has also passed a resolution creating a sinking fund, which renders it obligatory on the treasurer to purchase a government bond of \$1,000 on the first days of January, April, July, and October of each year, so as to prepare in advance for the

maturity of every note. This resolution has already gone into effect, and the sinking fund now contains one bond of \$1,000. As none of the principal of our debt falls due in 1879, it is anticipated that no difficulty will be experienced in paying each instalment, as it falls due, from the resources provided by this fund, unless some unforeseen necessity or temptation should lead our successors to violate the provisions of the resolution creating it.

Our whole debt is now -

Secured by deed of trust,				\$37,000 00
Due to Mercantile Library Hall Co.,	•	•	•	4,365 66
Total,				\$41,365 66
At the beginning of the year it was .				\$45,465 66

Showing a decrease of \$4,100, which has been paid off during the year. In addition to this, we paid \$3,064.55 interest, which is largely in excess of what we shall be called upon to meet under our present arrangements. We have no reason to expect our income for 1879 to be smaller than that of 1878, and may rather hope for an increase; but if it even remains the same, we shall be able to apply a much larger sum to the purchase of books during the current year than has been possible during the one just passed.

The fire which lately occurred so near us, and so seriously threatened our building, again calls attention to the great importance of a fire-proof building to contain and protect the treasures of literature and art which we have been accumulating for so many years. Their destruction would be a loss to the whole city, not to be measured by any mere pecuniary gauge. This building is now as well protected from fire as we know how to make it, but is not fire-proof. How to secure the erection of a suitable edifice is a question which has obtained the closest attention of successive boards of direction, but the means of carrying out the many plans devised still remain to be found. We can point out no method save that of an appeal to those who founded our library, for whose benefit it is primarily designed, and to

whom we look for our principal support,—the merchants of St. Louis; unless they, or some generous philanthropist, will come to our aid, we must continue to stand in daily peril of the loss of all that has cost so much time and labor to bring together, and which another generation would be required to replace if once destroyed.

Since our last annual meeting one of our ex-presidents, Mr. John T. Douglass, a staunch and valued friend of the library, has been taken from us by death. Your board have already testified their sorrow and respect for his memory by resolutions adopted at a called meeting, January 22, 1878, which have been placed upon the records of the association, and are printed in the pamphlet containing the annual report for 1877.

Having thus rendered to you the usual statement of our present condition and prospects, we desire, in conclusion, to urge each member of the association to assist us in increasing the number of our members. It is exceedingly small, in comparison with what it should be, and a little exertion on the part of each member would greatly benefit our finances, and by so doing enable us to give you back a tenfold return in more numerous books and better facilities for employing them for your pleasure and improvement.

R. R. HUTCHINSON, President.

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APPENDIX.

#### LIST OF DONORS-1878.

#### BOOKS.

American Institute of Mining Engineers, Anderson, Miss Mary Armstrong, Hon. D. H. Bandelier, A. F. Bell, Mrs. L. Bent, Silas Betts, Geo. C. Boston Board of Public Schools, Boston Public Library, Boudreaux, Rev. F. I. Brown & Hilder, Bush, Isidor Campbell, Robert A. Carter, Jno. H. Chicago Public Library, Clarke & Co., Robt. Clay, John Clemens, Mrs. Jas. B. Clemens, J. W. Cobden Club, London Cole, Hon. Nathan Crane, J. L. Dillon, John A. Fall River Public Library, Farmingham Town Library, Flint, Weston Gantt, T. T.

Gitman, S. H. Globe Printing Company, Gray & Baker Book and Stationery Company, Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents. Hanford, A. Harris, Wm. T. Harvard College Library, Hill, Rev. W. H. Holmen, John B. Hotze, C. L. Howgate, Henry W. Humphreys, Gen. A. A. King, Moses Lampton, Mrs. E. E. Leavitt & Co., Messrs. Luyties, H. C. G. McGrath, Hon. M. K. Missouri Medical Association, Missouri State University, Morgan, H. H. Moritz, Charles New York Produce Exchange, Poole, Wm. F. Pulsifer, W. H. Ramsey, C. G.

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Sanford, W. W.	partment,
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Spinzig, Dr. C.	partment,
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Tice, John H.	Wyman Edward
Topeka Library Association,	Yeatman, James A.

#### CITY NEWSPAPERS.

St. Louis,	•	•	•	Amerika.
St. Louis,	•	•		Anzeiger des Westens.
St. Louis,				Dispatch.
St. Louis,	•	•	•	Globe-Democrat.
St. Louis,	•			Journal.
St. Louis,	•			Post.
St. Louis,		•	•	Spirit.
St. Louis,				Times.
St. Louis,			•	Westliche Post.

# BOOK CASES. Clemens, J. W.

#### PAMPHLETS.

Allen, Thomas
Astor Library, New York,
Boston Public Library,
Boston Young Men's Chris-
tian Union,
Broadhead, G. C.
Burlington Fletcher Free Li-
brary,
Chicago Public Library,
Chicago, St. Ignatius College,
Chicago University,
Cincinnati Public Library,

Cincinnati Mercantile Library,
Cincinnati University,
Congress, Library of
Dayton Board of Education,
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Christian Association,
Portland Library,
Robertson, Rt. Rev. C. F.

San Francisco Mercantile
Library,
St. Louis Art Society,
St. Louis Board of Health,
St. Louis Fair Association,
Toledo Public Library,
Triplett, John R.
Waterhouse, S.
Wilson, Jr., George
Woman's Medical College of
Pennsylvania,
Woodward, C. M.
Worcester Free Public Library,
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Rudd, Thos. S. Smith, Elon G. Wherry, J. A. Whiting, Miss Lilian

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1846–7,		-		-		-		-		-	JAMES E. YEATMAN.
1848–9,	-		-		-		-		-		ALFRED VINTON.
1850-1,		-		-		-		-		-	H. E. Bridge.
1852,	-		-		-	٠	-		· <u> </u>		HENRY D. BACON.
1853, -		-		-		-		-		-	J. H. Alexander.
1854-5,	-		-		-		-	•	-		J. T. Douglass.
1856, -		-		-		-		_	•	_	W. M. Morrison.
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1858, -		-		-		-		-	:		M. V. L. McClelland.
<b>1</b> 859–60,	-		-	1: 1	-		-		-	i	J. B. S. Lemoine.
1861, -		-		-		-					ALFRED CARR.
1862-3,	-		-		-		-		-		John H. Beach.
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1870-1,	-		-		-		-		-		RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.
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1874-5,	-		-		-		-		-		SAMUEL M. DODD.
1876-7,		-		-		-		-		-	Edwin Harrison.

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1849	Alfred Vinton	H. E. Bridge	William H. Rice	W. P. Cowles	Edmur
1850	H. E. Bridge	Edmund Bacon	S. C. Stewart	C. R. Stinde	G. R. 1
1851	H. E. Bridge	C. R. Stinde J. H. Alexander*	J. Wilmer Stith	J. A. Allen	G. R. 1
· 1852	Henry D. Bacon	J. H. Alexander	J. Wilmer Stith	Theo. Clark	M. V. I
1853	J. H. Alexander	J. T. Douglass	W. E. Sell	A. Pearce	м. v. i
1854	J. T. Douglass	R. M. Renick	Thomas Brown	Jas. R. Larkin	w. H.
1855	J. T. Douglass	M. V. L. McClelland	Thomas Brown	C. L. Rogers	J. D. §
1856	W. M. Morrison	Alexis Mudd	Edward P. Curtis	J. D. Taylor	J. D. S Geo. R
1857	John W. Luke	L. H. Terry	Edward P. Curtis H. A. Conant*	L. C. Billon	J. Wilı
1858	M. V. L. McClelland.	J. B. S. Lemoine	Geo. H. Loker	C. W. Marsh	G. R.
1859	J. B. S. Lemoine	R. H. Davis	Samuel Copp, Jr	John W. Clark	Alfred
1860	J. B. S Lemoine	R. H. Davis	S. H. Laflin	Archie Robinson	Alfred
1861	Alfred Carr	C. W. Marsh	B. M. Runyan	Archie Robinson H. C. Marston*	Charle
1862	John H. Beach	Charles Miller	John E. Yore	H. C. Marston	С. L. 1
1863	John H. Beach	Charles Miller	John E. Yore	J. G. Catlin	С. L. 1
1864	Charles Miller	Henry Senter	John E. Yore	J. G. Catlin	L. Wili
1865	Charles Miller	Henry Senter	John E. Yore	W. A. Kingdon C. R. Goodin*	L. Wili
1866	Geo. R. Robinson	L. Wilson	W. H. Thomson	C. R. Goodin	T. G. M. N. I
1867	Geo. R. Robinson	L. Wilson	W. H. Thomson	John H. Tracy	M. N. I
1868	Lafayette Wilson	S. M. Dodd	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	A. P. f
1869	Lafayette Wilson	S. M. Dodd	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	Δ. Ρ. ξ
1870	R. M. Scruggs	Charles Speck	H. H. Wernse ←	John H. Tracy	M. N. I
1871	R. M. Scruggs	Charles Speck	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	M, N. 1
1872	Charles Speck	James P. Fiske	R. R. Hutchinson	John H. Tracy	Joseph
1873	Charles Speck	James P. Fiske† S. M. Dodd*	R. R. Hutchinson	John H. Tracy G. W. Ware*	Joseph
1874	Samuel M. Dodd	W. M. Smith	R. R. Hutchinson	G. W. Ware	M. S. V
1875	Samuel Mr. Dodd	W. M. Smith Edwin Harrison	R. R. Hutchinson	G. W. Ware W. L. Scott*	M. S. V
1876	Edwin Harrison	R. R. Hutchinson	J. H. McCluney	W. L. Scott	J. C. I
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NOTE.—Names in italics, resigned. Those marked

#### THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,

FANUARY 8, 1878.

ROOMS OF MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 8, 1878.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was called to order by the president, Mr. Edwin Harrison.

On motion, Capt. Silas Bent took the chair, and Messrs. Joseph Franklin and G. H. Loker, jr., were chosen secretaries.

The minutes of the thirty-first annual meeting were read and approved.

The committee on ways and means submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

St. Louis, January 8, 1878.

The committee on ways and means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the association, and find the same correct, and properly substantiated by vouchers for all disbursements made.

R. R. Hutchinson,

J. J. CANTWELL,

Committee.

The report of the treasurer was read by Mr. John R. Triplett, and accepted.

The vice-president read the report of the president, which was accepted.

Mr. Douglass called for the items of the expense account of the treasurer's report, which were then read by Mr. Triplett.

Mr. Buchanan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That that portion of the annual report which refers to the organ in the grand hall be referred to the incoming board, with instructions to act upon the recommendation of the report, as in their judgment may subserve the best interests of the association.

Mr. Luke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the board of direction for the ensuing year shall make it their special duty to revise the list of property belonging to the association, and place such values on the same as shall, in their judgment, properly pertain to it.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Douglass moved that the thanks of the association be tendered to the president and board of direction for their services during the past year.

Motion carried.

A motion was made and adopted that the proceedings of this meeting be given to the papers for publication, and published in pamphlet form.

Mr. J. J. Malecek moved that the names of those who actually subscribed to pay for the organ be incorporated in the report of the association.

Mr. Luke moved that, during the next six months, the board of direction be instructed to consider the propriety of funding thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) of the indebtedness of the association, and report to a special meeting.

Mr. Lemoine offered an amendment that the board be authorized to fund \$30,000 of the indebtedness, but afterwards withdrew his amendment, and the original motion was carried.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

SILAS BENT, Chairman

JOSEPH FRANKLIN, G. H. LOKER, JR., Secretaries.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

St. Louis, January 8, 1878.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements during the year ending December 31st, 1877, and also showing the present financial condition of the association, viz.:

Exhibit "A"—Cash account.

Exhibit "B"—Balance sheet.

Exhibit "C"-Profit and loss account.

EXHIBIT "A" - CASH ACCOUNT.

	<b>↔</b> 	248 248 953	2,492 41 1,297 9,715	3,659 68 68 6,105 1,28	\$41,502
EXPENDITURES.	By	Interest Mercantile Library Hall Company Musical receptions Newspapers		Repairs Book bulletins Grand hall—lighting; heating, etc Expense account	
	<b>\$</b> 852 96	9,878 00	16,261 09 22 70 26 00	25 75 9 60 158 00 110 00 29 61 29 61 18,765 15	\$41,502 86
RECEIPTS.	<del>97</del>	Clocks	Ante-rooms 160 00  Hall stores 11,731 09  Books lost and paid for Catalogues sold	Fines, extra books, magazines, etc Book bulletins sold Musical receptions Rent of organ Old scrap iron sold Discounts—Bills payable	

EXHIBIT "B" - BALANCE SHEET.

CREDIT.	To Stock account \$285,115 40 Bills payable \$86,100 00 Bonds payable \$5,000 00 Mercantile Library Hall Company. 4,865 66	\$330,581 06
DEBIT.	To Books.       \$91,799 26         Books donated       87,711 28         Cash       128 32         Catalogues       1,959 00         Cabinet of minerals       500 00         Fine arts       81,171 16         Furniture       2,482 30         Real existe       2,482 30         Newspapers       2,402 00         Periodicals       20 00         Gas reflectors       20 00         Stage scenery       915 56         Stage scenery       970 00	\$330,581 06

# EXHIBIT "A"—CASH ACCOUNT.

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		Binding		1,482 10
		Fuel		196 27
		Furniture		2,788 19
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Grand Hall 8,670 00		Insurance		1,824 20
Ante-rooms		Interest		2,22 25,22 25,23 2
Hall Stores12,772 40		Lectures		8/2/2
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Lectures	886 25	Linting		31872
Fills Payable	12,000 00	Petty Expenses		25
Login Exhibition	1,489 80	Lostage		38
Bonds Payable	4,000 00	Furniture Kepaired		S ;
Transportation	17 40	Stationery		174 36
		Transportation		322 08
		Water Rates		167 50
		Hall Repairs		1,676 55
-		Catalogues		1,51025
		John N. Dyer		378 49
		Blank Books		104 88
		Fine Arts		8 80 80
		Loan Exhibition		1,160 35
		John N. Dyer, Actuary		825 28
		Balance		527 70
	\$46,067 26		12	\$46,067 26

## ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association:

Gentlemen:—The thirty-second year of the existence of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association has passed away, and to close its record it only remains for your board of direction to render to you an account of their stewardship, and to lay before you the usual annual report of the condition and prospects of the association. Unfortunately we are unable to bring before you, as realized facts, all the bright anticipations of increased membership and decreasing indebtedness with which we commenced the year; the general gloom and depression spread so widely over our whole country have not failed to cast their shadows over us, and our efforts to gain new members, and even to retain the old, have been met only too frequently by monotonous repetitions of the statement of want of employment, poor pay, and necessity of economizing.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year is 2,670, viz.:

1,697 volumes purchased, costing	. •	•	\$5,814.50
601 volumes presented, valued at			1,865.95

Making a total of 49,155 volumes placed on our shelves at the opening of the year.

The increase in the number of books purchased is greater than during any other single year in the history of the association, with the exception of 1876, when the extraordinary opportunities presented by the sale of the Squiers and other libraries induced an expenditure that would not have been justified except by the consideration that it was good policy to take advantage of such rarely-occurring opportunities, even at the cost of increasing our indebtedness.

The number of books issued during the year is 107,812, which are classified as follows:

History, .									18,873
Philosophy,									20,719
Poetry and art,				•.		•		•	9,944
Fiction, .	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	58,276
Total.									107.812

#### The percentage of each class is as follows:

History, .			٠.				•		17.6
Philosophy,	•	•					•		19.2
Poetry and art,	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	9.3
Fiction.	_	_	_	_	_			_	£2.0

The comparative smallness of the proportion of works of fiction issued is a favorable indication, it being less than that of any library in the United States, as shown by the reports of 1876 to which we have had access.

Among the many valuable additions made to the library during the year, and worthy of special mention, are Discoveries at Ephesus, by J. T. Wood; History of Ceramic Art, by A. Jacquemart; Tree and Serpent Worship, by J. Fergusson; Thebes and its Temples, by W. Abney; Etchings, by Wm. Unger; Antiquities of Cyprus, by Cesnola; Encyclopèdie des Beaux Arts Plastiques, by A. Demmin; the Drainage of Lake Fucino; and Keramic Art in Japan, Many of these works are triumphs of typographic art, and add greatly to the attractiveness of our collection.

The reading-room continues to maintain its position as one of the most pleasant features of the association, and full appreciation of its attractions is evidenced by the increasing number who make use of it. Its tables are kept well supplied with the best of the magazines and papers of the day; nevertheless, we have found it advisable, in order to supply the demand for periodical literature, which it is not possible fully to meet without an expense which we can ill afford, to adopt the plan of procuring a considerable number of the principal magazines, and issuing them to members

of the library at the rate of five cents per week. The arrangement promises to be popular, and it is hoped that by its means we will be able to supply the call for this class of literature without taxing our resources, and even, in a short time, to make it a source of revenue.

In order to meet the wishes of many who desire to take out several books at a time, the plan has been adopted of issuing extra volumes, charging for them at the rate of ten cents per week for each book or set of books, not exceeding three. This has proved a great convenience to readers, and the amount realized from this source is ample proof that it meets a want which has long existed.

During the year, 624 visitors have availed themselves of the hospitable and liberal provisions of your by-laws permitting strangers, introduced by members, to make use of the rooms.

In the course of several years our rolls have become encumbered by the names of a large number of persons who have forfeited the rights of membership by their failure to pay dues.

At the request of the actuary, the board of direction, by resolution, has ordered all those names to be dropped, and that this year's report shall be made on the basis of actual paying members only. For this reason there appears a large apparent decrease of members, the number now being as follows:

Honorary memb	ers,		•		.•				18
Life members,									669
Proprietors, .			. •						469
Clerks,			•	•					991
Beneficiaries,	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	1,039
Total				•			•	•	3, 186

This, when compared with the number reported last year, shows a large reduction, but, when we compare the actual paying membership, the account stands as follows:

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1876—2,440 Members, yielding . . . . $10,303.75
1877—2,410 Members, yielding . . . . 9,878.00
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Which shows the true loss to be thirty members, a surprisingly small number, considering the adverse circumstances of the year.

It seems passing strange that, in a city of the magnitude and boasted intelligence of St. Louis, so small a number of persons avail themselves of the great advantages and pleasures placed so cheaply and easily in their reach by our association. It would be difficult to find an investment yielding such large returns as the trifle demanded for membership, and we urge upon every member of the association the importance of exerting his individual influence to induce others to join—benefiting the library, indeed, but at the same time yielding tenfold advantage to the individual.

To enable us to keep pace fully with the requirements of the day, and free us from the pecuniary pinch which prevents so many desirable improvements, our membership should be at least doubled—a consummation that could be easily reached if each one would consider it his duty to exert himself, if only a little, in our behalf.

#### BUILDING.

We have been compelled to disburse a large sum for improvement and repair of the building during the year. A considerable amount has been judiciously expended in alterations and additions to the stores, made necessary in order to secure and retain tenants. In addition to this we have constructed a new exit from the grand hall, in order to facilitate escape in case of fire. The extremely solid construction of the building, its constant occupancy and guardianship during the hours of public exhibitions, and the absence of all the stage machinery and inflammable materials that render a theater so dangerous, gave ample guarantee, even before the improvements now completed, against peril to life from any probable fire. There is now, however, a broad and convenient exit from the north side of the hall to Locust street, which alone would enable an audience to escape in a very short time. The massive partition-wall dividing the

main staircases, on the south side, from the stores and library rooms, and extending through the building, is now solid from the ground to the floor of the hall, with the exception of the comparatively small openings necessary for entering the library. The whole building is thus divided into two separate compartments, as it were, either one of which might burn without, for a long time, affecting the other, and each portion having its independent stairway from hall to street.

There is now as near complete protection from danger to life by fire as can be demanded by the most exacting, and we may safely claim possession of one of the most secure places of public assemblage in the country.

#### ORGAN.

The grand organ has now been in position for a year. Its total cost, including expenses for altering the hall, was \$2,492.80, and its net revenue during the past year was \$69. As a piece of property the organ is valued by competent persons at \$10,000. It was purchased by our association, assisted by individual donations, with the clear understanding that, if it should not prove a remunerative investment, it would be sold. As a source of revenue it has been an undoubted failure, and it now becomes a question whether the interests of the association do not demand its removal.

It would yield, no doubt, a large profit on its cost, amply vindicating the wisdom of the investment, and the coming spring, in view of the number of churches now being built, would be a favorable time to dispose of it. We therefore recommend that you empower the incoming board to sell the instrument, in case they shall deem it advisable to do so.

In the course of the year several attempts were made by lady friends of the library to help our treasury by means of concerts—a plan which has proved successful more than once before. Owing to causes which could not be controlled, they were not financially a success. Your thanks are, nevertheless, due to the friends who so zealously endeavored to assist us.

The changes in the building, incident to the construction

of the new exit from the hall, have placed sufficient space at the disposal of the librarian to enable him to find shelf-room for all books now on hand, as well as for all that we shall probably be able to purchase in the course of the coming year, so that we may safely put off until a more propitious season the consideration of any plans for obtaining additional storage-room, or for changing the arrangement of the library rooms. The card catalogue has been diligently kept up, and affords a complete key to the treasures of the library from the date of publication of the printed catalogue down to the latest period. During the year an attempt was made to publish, from time to time, duly classified supplements, containing lists of all books added to the library since the last issue, but their sale was so small as to render it unadvisable to continue the experiment, so it was abandoned.

The treasurer's statements, which have been read to you, show, in detail, the present condition of the association. A general falling off in receipts, the outlay for the organ, together with other extraordinary expenditures deemed necessary or advisable by the board, render it less favorable than we had hoped at the beginning of the year, when every one felt justified in hoping for a revival of business and consequent increase of income.

We trust, however, that—no unforeseen occasion for expenditure arising—a careful economy, and retrenchment wherever practicable, will result in a material decrease of our indebtedness during the year 1878.

Your attention is called to the valuations placed upon the property of the association, as shown in the treasurer's report. These were made years ago; circumstances have changed; some things have depreciated.

We therefore recommend that the next board of direction be instructed to revise the books, and place such valuations on our property as shall correctly represent its worth.

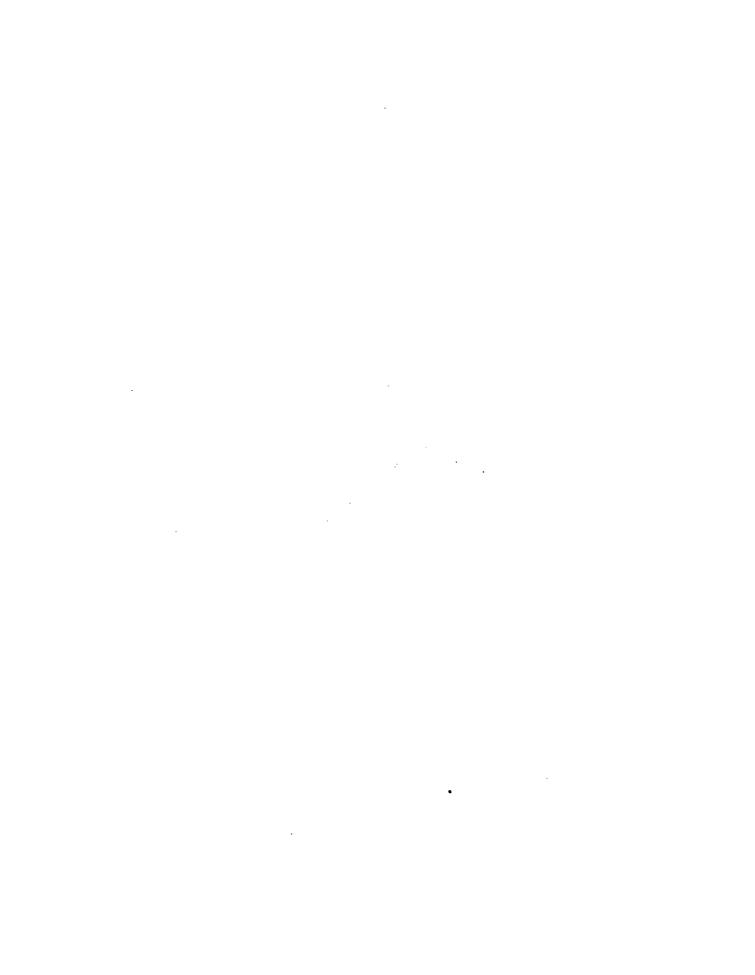
The management of the library has proved satisfactory, as heretofore, and your thanks are due to the officers whose zeal and efficiency has been so long and thoroughly tested in your service.

EDWIN HARRISON, President.

part of the purpose for which our trust was established to diffuse its benefits as widely as possible. The charter, the constitution, and the name of this association identify it with the mercantile classes of our city; and as they receive the credit of its success, they owe it to themselves to leave no proper effort untried to constantly extend and strengthen an institution of which St. Louis is so justly proud.

#### CATALOGUE.

The supplement to the classified catalogue, of which the publication was commenced in April, was completed in August. It makes an octavo volume of 138 pages, and gives some 5,500 titles to the 4,500 volumes catalogued. It was made to conform in all respects to the classified catalogue of 1874, but it is the opinion of the librarian that a great many improvements are imperatively demanded in the system of cataloguing. Our catalogue is incomplete because it fails to give every production of every author under the author's name, and many of the classes have now grown so large as to need an index of The classified catalogue. subjects to guide the student. with its supplement and with the accessions continued in the card catalogue, is a vast improvement over the solitary interleaved copy of the catalogue of 1858, which represented all that the library had done in cataloguing in sixteen years; but a comparison with other libraries shows how much remains to be done before our valuable collection of books can be said to be catalogued. Under the most economic sys tem of cataloguing, other libraries average from two to two and three-quarter titles to each volume. Had the catalogue of 1874 been completed up to such a standard, it would have contained from 80,000 to 110,000 titles instead of the 35,000 titles actually printed. While it would not be advisable, under the pressure of more important claims, to attempt such a catalogue, it would be neglecting an important feature of the library not to meet its constantly increasing requirements in this respect. This has been done during the past



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those cases will be most crowded which ought to be most accessible.

The demand for shelf-room is the most serious question which claims the attention of the association at this time. It is impossible to contemplate the ordinary growth of the library without realizing that the limit of piece-meal additions has been reached, and that the time has come for a new departure. We would recommend that during the coming year a committee of your body should be appointed to prepare a report, with plans and estimates, covering all the questions involved in moving the library into the Grand Hall and changing the present library-room into stores, or otherwise providing new quarters or additional library space.

## CONCLUSION.

It will be seen that during a year of exceptional dullness in all the interests on which the library depends, the association has not only continued its usual career, but has displayed unusual activity in every department, and has not hesitated to incur the heavy expenditures involved in such a course. While this course has been partly forced on us by the necessities of the library, it has for the first time in many years brought our expenditures to exceed our receipts. The association is abundantly able to stand the deficiency which has accrued, but the policy of consulting the convenience of the members rather than the resources of the association can be justified only as long as we have a reasonable expectation of meeting one year's deficiency with another year's surplus. In other cities and in other libraries a lively and generous interest has been excited, which is building up such institutions with unprecedented rapidity. There has never been a time when more attention was paid to library management, or a more general enthusiasm shown in all matters connected with their success and prosperity. At such a time St. Louis should not lag behind, and the directors who may have charge of the magnificent collection and endowment of the St. Louis Mercantile Library

Association hold their honorable office subject to the responsibility of always keeping the institution in the front rank of progress.

Your attention is again called to the efficiency of the services of your librarian, Mr. John N. Dyer. Your Board of Direction are indebted to him for numerous valuable suggestions, and for his unremitting efforts to facilitate them in their labors in every way. Your thanks are due to him for the interest he has exhibited in your affairs, and to his assistants for their energy and gentlemanly attention to patrons of the library.

EDWIN HARRISON,

President.

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# NEWSPAPERS—Continued.

	St. Joseph, -	-		-		Gazette.
	St. Louis,		_		-	Amerika.
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	St. Louis, -	-		-		Republican.
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	St. Louis, -	-		-		Times.
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	Santa Barbara, -		-		-	Index (weekly).
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	Savannah,		-		-	Morning News.
	Springfield (Mass.),	-		-		Republican.
	Toronto,		-		-	Globe.
	Washington, -	-		-		National Republican.
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	Washington, -	-		-		Union.

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### THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# \$1. Louis Mercantile Library Association,

JANUARY 11, 1876.

Rooms of MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, January 11, 1876.

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was called to order by S. M. Dodd, Esq., President.

On motion, Mr. John H. Beach was nominated Chairman, and Messrs. John R. Triplett, and Wm. H. Tivy, Secretaries of the meeting, and unanimously elected.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were then read, and, on motion, adopted.

The Committee on Ways and Means then submitted the following report:

St. Louis, January 10th, 1876.

The Committee on Ways and Means begs leave to report, that they have examined the books and accounts of the Association, and find the same correct, and properly substantiated by vouchers for all disbursements made.

JOHN B. MAUDE, JOHN H. McCluney, Committee.

On motion, same was received and adopted.

Mr. R. R. Hutchinson, Treasurer of the Association, then submitted and read his report of the financial condition of the Association, which, on motion, of Mr. Charles Miller, was accepted.

The President, Mr. S. M. Dodd, submitted and read the report of the Board of Directors for the year ending December 31st, 1875, giving a full statement of the receipts, disbursements, and operation of the Association.

On motion of Mr. Richard M. Scruggs, the report was received and unanimously adopted.

Capt. J. W. Luke offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the successful administration of the affairs of the Mercantile Library Association during the past year, notwithstanding the exceeding stringency of the times, is fully exemplified in the reports of its condition which have been submitted to this meeting; and in return for the faithful services of the President and Board of Directors, which they have freely given to advance the welfare of the Association, we tender to them our warmest thanks, and congratulate them upon the success their labors have merited.

Mr. J. H. Alexander offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished to the city papers for publication, and that one thousand copies of the Annual Report, including these proceedings, be printed for gratuitous distribution

Mr. J. W. Donaldson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That as a number of officers for the coming year are to be elected, that nominations be made at this meeting.

Same was duly seconded by Mr. E. C. Robbins.

Mr. J. H. Alexander moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting, on motion of Mr. Alexander, adjourned.

J. H. BEACH, Chairman.

JNO. R. TRIPLETT, W. H. TIVY,

# ANNUAL REPORT.

# To the Members of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association:

### GENTLEMEN:---

In accordance with our annual custom, the Board of Directors have the honor to submit to you the following report of the condition of the Mercantile Library, under their management during the thirtieth year of its existence.

While the history of the past year has been marked by substantial progress, we have to regret that its prosperity has not escaped from the effects of the general depression of business. It could hardly be otherwise with an institution dependent entirely upon its current resources, and consequently identified with the prosperity of the community. Notwithstanding this drawback, we have the gratification of pointing to an increase in membership and in books, and in the number of volumes issued: this last feature being at once a test and a recognition of the value of the Library.

### FINANCES.

In the Treasurer's report, which is herewith submitted, will be found a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the year. A summary of the statement shows that the receipts were:

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From	n memb	erships,		-	-	-	-	-	-	\$11,133	25
"	rents,	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	17,725	30
"	other	sources	,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,762	99
	Total,	-	-	-			-	-	-	\$30,621	54
	he expe										
For	books, bills pa	newspap yable, a					ries, b -	onds p -	payable -	\$17,508	30
Inte	rest, ins	urance,	light	, fue	l, hall	expe	nses, a	nd re	pairs to	0	
	buildin		-	´ -	´ -	٠.	´-	•	-	9,813	76
All	other ex	penses,		-	•	-	-	-	-	2,911	67
	Total,			•					-	<b>\$</b> 30,2 <b>3</b> 3	73

The Treasurer's report also shows that last year the receipts from memberships fell short of those of the previous year by \$1,091.50. This falling off is due partly to an increase in the amount of delinquent dues, and partly to the fact that in the previous year the receipts had been increased by a subscription of \$500 from Washington University for Life Memberships.

It will further appear that our indebtedness has been reduced by more than \$5,000, and our liabilities are now in such a condition that they will be met at maturity, or renewed by the holders until finally canceled.

By the failure of the St. Louis Piano Manufacturing Company, our Association lost \$510 rent due on the store under lease to it. A small percentage of this loss may be recovered from the assignee in bank-ruptcy.

### LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is 43,915; the corresponding number for the previous year was 42,013, showing an increase of 1,902 volumes. Of this increase 1,599 volumes have been acquired by purchase, and 303 volumes by donation.

The following table shows the annual increase during the past ten years:

Volumes	added	during	the	year	1865,		-		-		-		-		2,642
"	"	"	"	"	1866,	-		-		-		-		-	2,057
"	"	"	"	"	1867,		-		-		-		-		1,900
"	"	"	"	"	1868,	_		-		-		-		-	1,304
"	"	"	"	66	1869,		-		-		-		-		1,428
"	"	"	"	"	1870,	-		-		-		-		-	1,415
"	"	"	"	"	1871,		-		-		-		-		2,145
"	"	"	"	"	1872,	-		-		-		-		-	4,364
"		"	"	"	1873,		-		-		-		-		1,278
"	"	"	"	"	1874,	-		-		-		-		-	1,573
"		"	¢ (	. "	1875,		-		-		-		-		1,902

In the purchase of books we have followed the traditional policy of the Association in keeping pace with the best current literature of the age. We have also made a very important addition to the Library in the shape of a valuable selection of medical works, and have largely increased our list of the standard authors in French and German. During the year 139,050 volumes have been issued from the Library, an increase of 6,875 volumes over the previous year.

The following table shows the number of volumes issued annually during the past ten years:

																		NO. OI VOIS.
During	the	year	1865,		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	62,410
46	"	"	1866,	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		80,225
"	"	"	1867,		-		-		_		-		-		-		_	88,247
"	"	٤.	1868,	-						-		-		-		-		97,071
"	"	"	1869,		-				_		-		-		-		-	103,500
"	".		1870,	_		-		-		-		-		-		-		105,375
. "	"	"	1871,								_		_		-		_	110,950
"	"		1872,	_		_		-		_		_		_		-		115,025
"	"		1873,		-		-		_		_		_		_		_	122,896
"	"	"		_		_		_				_		_		-		132,175
"	6.	"	1875,		_				-		_		-		-		-	139,050

During the year we have issued 805 visitors' tickets to non-residents introduced by members and subscribers, giving the holders the full benefits of the Library and Reading-Room for the term of four weeks.

Our alphabetical and classified Card Catalogue contains the titles of all books added since the publication of the printed Catalogue of 1874. By publishing a supplement to the printed Catalogue as often as may be found necessary, this Card Catalogue will answer all the needs of the Library for years to come. All visitors have free access to it, and it has proven a most valuable assistance to the patrons of the Library. A large number of the printed Catalogues still remain on our hands, and with a view of disposing of them, we have put them at a price which should induce each member of the Library to purchase a copy, if only as a guide to general literature.

The appearance of the Library has been greatly improved by the removal of the old cocoa matting, and the substitution of a handsome Linoleum cloth on the floor. This improvement has the additional advantage of freeing the library from the dust which was so unpleasant to visitors and so injurious to the books.

### MEMBERSHIPS.

It is to be regretted that the increase in the number of members has not kept pace with the growth of the city, nor with the increase in our facilities for furnishing reading matter. While this is, of course, due to the dullness of the times, it is only proper to say that there is no other way in which so much refined and elevated pleasure can be secured for

so small an outlay as by becoming a member of this association; nor is there any family so poor that it is unable to meet this modest expense. We believe that, by a determined and united effort, a large increase in the membership could be secured, and that the support of the Library could at least keep pace with the growth of the city.

During the year we have enrolled 578 new members, making our total membership at this date 4,641, viz:

Honorary Members		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	18
Life Members	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		· 663
Proprietors -		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	725
Clerks	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		1,595
Beneficiaries -		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-	1,640
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The withdrawals during the year, caused by death, removals from the city, and other causes, number 383, leaving us a net gain of 195 members.

We are called on to mourn the loss, by death, of the Hon. Hudson E. Bridge, who had been connected with your Association from the beginning, and who was its third President, serving during the years 1850 and 1851, while this building was in course of erection. He labored most earnestly in your cause, and his prophetic vision at that time foresaw the growth and future magnitude of the city, and the greatness of the Mississippi Valley, as well as the importance of the work to be accomplished by your Association. In recognition of his devoted efforts and valuable services, your Board of Directors have caused the following memorial page to be inserted in the records of the Association:

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WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from his sphere of usefulness on earth

# HON. HUDSON E. BRIDGE,

Who was the third President of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, and always, from its inception, an active and substantial friend,

It is deemed by the President and Directors proper that official expression of the regret which they all feel personally at his death, should appear upon our minutes; therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. Hudson E. Bridge, St. Louis has lost an honored and respected citizen; the mercantile community an upright and brilliant member; his family a kind and revered husband and father; the association a valued friend; that the officers of this association point to his record as a merchant and a man, and ask the younger members of the mercantile community to emulate his example, in following the strict line of business integrity and the practice of all manly virtues.

WALTER M. SMITH, R. R. HUTCHINSON, H. S. BROWN, S. M. DODD,

Committee.

## LECTURES AND READINGS.

Your Association having decided to abandon the "Lecture System," after a long and expensive trial, we have adhered to that decision. A single exception was made, when, on the 30th of March last, by invitation of the Lecture Committee, Miss Charlotte Cushman gave a dramatic and poetic reading. The experience of Lyceums and Lecture Associations has vindicated our wisdom in abandoning this special feature.

### HALL AND BUILDING.

The Hall and Building have been kept in good repair, and your entire property is well insured in good and responsible companies. The rentals from the Grand Hall the past year have fallen off \$230, as compared with the previous year. In this connection, it may be well to state that an effort is being made by some of our fellow-citizens especially interested in the progress of music, to place in the Hall a grand organ, according to the specifications published in the daily papers. Your Board of Directors have, under certain conditions, subscribed \$2,000 towards the cost of this organ, deeming it of the utmost importance to your Association, as well as to the city, that the project should be successful.

Our city contains a large population who love and appreciate music, and it is entirely within the purposes of your Association to assist in developing an art which adds so much to the pleasure and refinement of all. Our friends who are directly interested in the advancement of music are laboring heartily to ensure the success of this project. We trust that their efforts will meet with your approval and assistance, and that the pecuniary aid which alone can secure a speedy accomplishment of their object will not be wanting. When completed, the organ will become the exclusive property of your Association, and will be the means of largely increasing the revenue from the Hall.

### TRUSTEES.

In compliance with the requirements of the amended Charter, the real estate of the Association has been put in the control and management of the following Board of Trustees, chosen at your last annual meeting, viz: Messrs. James E. Yeatman, John T. Douglass, John H. Beach, R. M. Scruggs and J. B. S. Lemoine.

### NEW BUILDING.

The question of a new location and more suitable building, which has been agitated for some years past, has not been considered to any extent by your Board, but they trust that the time is not far distant when the return of business prosperity will enable our liberal-minded citizens to contribute towards the erection of such an edifice as our necessities require, and we earnestly recommend that steps be taken towards that end, when such time arrives.

### CONDITION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

It seems to be the general impression in the community that your Association is wealthy, and needs no aid nor contributions from any source. But we desire to impress upon our fellow-members and the public that this is not the case, and that it is only through constant effort that we may expect to grow in the future, so as to keep pace with what has been done in the past. The present condition of the Association and the success it has achieved, are due not entirely to the subscriptions of the members, but to the generosity and the earnest zeal of those who labored for the institution at the beginning. When we look back to their efforts, and remember what we owe to them, it should cause every member to work with renewed energy, and to do all in his power to enhance the success of this Association. It has amply repaid every assistance that has been given to it, and it has largely contributed towards the prosperity of our city, by developing the taste and increasing the knowledge which leads to success in life.

Let us not lose sight of the fact that this work has been handed down to us for our care and protection; that it is an inheritance which we cannot prize too highly, and we should cherish it as one of the greatest of boons.

To your Librarian and Actuary, Mr. John N. Dyer, your thanks are due, for his unceasing devotion to all of your interests. Much credit is also due to his assistants, for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

S. M. DODD, President.

# LIST OF PONORS.

# BOOKS.

Chas. H. Turner,
U. S. Government,
State of Missouri,
"Cobden Club," London,
Wright Schaumburg,
Gen. W. T. Sherman,
St. Louis Book and News Co.,
John A. Dil'on,
Mercantile Library, Baltimore,
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St. Louis Democrat Company,
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V. McNally,
J. K. Barnes,
P. Cudmore,
Mercantile Library, San Francisco,
J. R. Meeker,
Hon. Hamilton Fish,
Government of Great Britain,

Hon. L. V. Bogy.

## PAMPHLETS.

Baltimore Mercantile Library, Boston Mercantile Library, Boston Public Library, Brooklyn Mercantile Library, Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati Mercantile Library, New York Mercantile Library, Philadelphia Library Company, Philadelphia Mercantile Library, Pittsburgh Mercantile Library, St. Louis Public School Library, San Francisco Mercantile Library.

# OLD NEWSPAPERS.

Mrs. S. B. Kellogg,

Messrs. Geo. Knapp & Co., B. B. Minor.

## COINS.

B. W. Walker,

David Bailey.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

St. Louis, January 11th, 1876.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements during the year ending December 31st, 1875, and also showing the present financial condition of the Association, viz:

Exhibit "A"-Cash Account.

Exhibit "B"-Balance Sheet.

Exhibit "C"-Profit and Loss Account.

# EXHIBIT "A." CASH ACCOUNT.

CREDIT.	2,975 2,975 1,363 3,000 3,000 3,000 2,92 1,622 1,622 1,622 1,622 1,722 1	Lights 2,520 75  Mercantile Library Hall Company 2,520 75  Mercantile Library Hall Company 32 35  Newspapers 843 49  Perfodicals 843 49  Perfodicals 843 49  Performing 65 00  Repairs on this Building 65 00  Repairs on this Building 105 40  Rationery 118  Cataionery 66 17  Mater Rates 65 00  Stationery 66 17  Water Rates 65 00  Stationery 66 17	\$30,621 54
DEBIT.	Dec. 31, 1875—Memberships Account—   To Initiation Fees	To Books lost and paid for       28 55         " Catalogues sold       65 00         " Newspapers sold       201 00         " John N. Dyer       378 49         " Lectures       600 00         " Fines for detention of books       489 95	\$30,621 54

EXHIBIT "B."

BALANCE SHEET.

CREDIT:	Dec. 31, 1875—By Stock Account\$ 284,941 09 By Bills payable	4310,495 94
DEBIT.	Dec. 31, 1875—To Books acquired   by Purchase   cash   c	\$310,495 94

EXHIBIT "C"

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

CREDIT.	Dec. 31, 1875—By Initiation Fees	#30,803 28
DEBIT.	Dec. 31, 1875—To Advertising   169 55   169 55   169 161   162 162   169 163   169 164   169 165   169 1	\$30,803 28

R. R. HUTCHINSON, Treasurer.

# Saint Louis Mercantile Pibrary,

S. W. COR. FIFTH AND LOCUST STS.

# TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

Any person engaged in mercantile pursuits, as a PROPRIETOR, may become an active member, by paying an initiation fee of FIVE DOLLARS, and an annual subscription, payable in advance, of FIVE DOLLARS.

Any person similarly engaged, as a CLERK, may become an active member, by paying an initiation fee of TWO DOLLARS, and an annual subscription of THREE DOLLARS.

All persons not engaged in mercantile pursuits, including ladies, students, and others, may become BENEFICIARIES, by paying FIVE DOLLARS annually, in advance.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP, FIFTY DOLLARS.

# THE LIBRARY

Now contains upwards of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND VOLUMES, to which all new works of general interest are added promptly, and in numbers proportionate to the demand.

# THE READING ROOM

Is regularly supplied with all the principal newspapers and magazines. domestic and foreign, and is open from 10 o'clock A+M. to 10 o'clock P M.

TWELVE HOURS EVERY DAY.

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Is free to all members, and open during Library hours,



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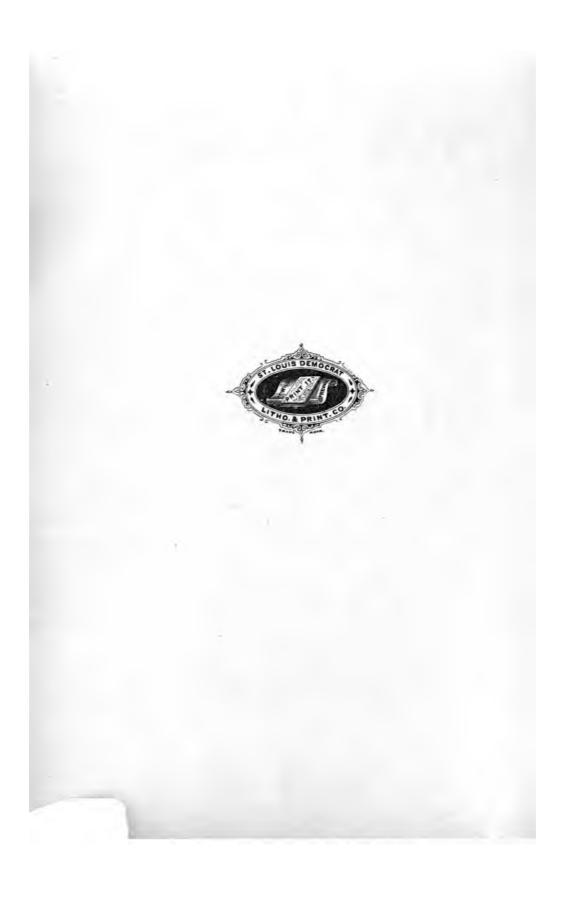
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# COMMITTEES FOR 1875.

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# Library and Reading Room.

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G. W. WARE.

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# PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

# FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

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	ALFRED VINTON.
1850-1	
1852	HENRY D, BACON.
1853	J. H. ALEXANDER.
1854-5	J. T. DOUGLASS.
1856	
1857	JOHN W. LUKE.
1858	
1859–60	J. B. S. LEMOINE.
1861	ALFRED CARR.
1862-3	JOHN H. BEACH.
1864-5	CHARLES MILLER.
1866-7	GEO. R. ROBINSON.
1868-9	LAFAYETTE WILSON.
1870-1	RICHARD M. SCRUGGS
1872-3	CHARLES SPECK.
874	SAMUEL M. DODD.

# BOARDS (

YEAR	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	TREASURER.	REC. SECRETARY.	CO1
1846	Jas. E. Yeatman	L. M. Kennett	R. K. Woods	J. A. Dougherty	S. A.
1847	Jas. E. Yeatman	Alfred Vinton	R. M. Renick	R. W. Ayers	S. A.
1848	Alfred Vinton	W. M. Morrison	William H. Rice	John Halsall	R. M
1849	Alfred Vinton	H. E. Bridge	William H. Rice	W. P. Cowles	Edm
1850	H. E. Bridge	Edmund Bacon	S. C. S'ewart	C. R. Stinde	G. R
1851	H. E. Bridge	C. R. Stinde J. H. Alexander*	J. Wilmer Stith	J. A. Allen	G. R
1852	Henry D. Bacon	J. H. Alexander	J. Wilmer Stith	Theo. Clark	M. V
1853	J. H. Alexander	J. T. Douglass	W. E. Sell	A. Pearce	M. V
1854	J. T. Douglass	R. M. Renick	Thomas Brown	Jas. R. Larkin	w. 1
1855	J. T. Douglass	M. V. L. McClelland.	Thomas Brown	C. L. Rogers	J. D.
1856	W. M. Morrison	Alexis Mudd John W. Luke*	Edward P. Curtis	J. D. Taylor	Geo.
1857	John W. Luke	L. H. Terry	Edward P. Curtis H. A. Conant*	L. C. Billon	J. W
1858	M. V. L. McClelland.	J. B. S. Lemoine	Geo. H. Loker	C.W. Marsh	G. R
1859	J. B. S. Lemoine	R, H. Davis	Samuel Copp, Jr	John W. Clark	Alfre
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1861	Alfred Carr	C. W. Marsh	B. M. Runyan	Archie Robinson H. C. Marston*	Char
1862	John H. Beach	Charles Miller	John E. Yore	H. C. Marston	C. L.
1863	John H. Beach	Charles Miller	John E. Yore	J. G. Catlin	C.L.
1864	Charles Miller	Henry Senter	John E. Yore	J. G. Catlin	L. W
1865	Charles Miller	Henry Senter	John E. Yore	W. A. Kingdon C. R. Goodin*	L. W
1866	Geo. R. Robinson	L. Wilson	W. H. Thomson	C. R. Goodin	T. G. M. N
1867	Geo. R. Robinson	L. Wilson	W. H. Thomson	John H. Tracy	M.N
1868	Lafayette Wilson	S. M. Dodd	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	А. Р
1869	Lafayette Wilson	S. M. Dodd	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	A. P.
1870	R. M. Scruggs	Charles Speck	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	M. N
1871	R. M. Scruggs	Charles Speck	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	M.N
1872	Charles Speck	James P. Fiske	R. R. Hutchinson	John H. Tracy	Josep
1873	Charles Speck	James P. Fiske† S. M. Dodd*	R. R. Hutchinson	John H. Tracy G. W. Ware*	Josep
1874	Samuel M. Dodd	W. M. Smith	R. R. Hutchinson	G. W. Ware	M. S.

NOTE.—Names in italics, resigned. Those ma

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r	John H. Reach, George D. Hall. W. A. Moffett.* J. R. Evans, Daniel Gilchrist, O. B. Filley, C. W. Keiser, H. C. Marston, John E. Yore.*	Ed. W. Johnston.
on	W. A. Moffett, Jas. S. Wilgus, Henry Senter, O. B. Filley, G. W. Parker, J. M. Hanson, John R. Lionberger.	John N. Dyer.
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	C. R. Stinde, Edward Wilkerson, R. D. Van Nostrand, S. M. Dodd. Wallace Delafield, W. H. H. Pettus, M. N. Burchard.	John N. Dyer.
rd*	C. R. Stinde, Ed. Wilkerson, R. D. Van Nostrand, S. M. Dodd, Theo. G. Meier, J. S. Walsh, L. Fusz,* B. W. Lewis, Jr., M. N. Burchard.	John N. Dyer.
rd	Theo. G. Meier, R. M. Scruggs, H. T. Simon, Julius S. Walsh, R. W. Church, Jas. N. Norris, <i>Henry A. True</i> , Andrew Wilson.*	John N. Dyer.
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 $<sup>\</sup>mathfrak{s}^*$  were elected by the Board to fill vacancies.  $\dagger$  Died.

TABLE OF RESULTS.

NEWBER	GAIN.	vols.	GAIN.	кеурека	GAIN.	VOLS.	GAIN.	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDI-	VALUE OF PROPERTY.	GAIN.
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# TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

January 12, 1875.

Rooms of Mercantile Library Association, St. Louis, Mo., January 12, 1875.

The twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was called to order by Mr. S. M. Dodd, Pres't. Mr. J. T. Douglass was nominated for chairman and Messrs. E.

C. Robbins and J. S. J. Miller for Secretaries, and unanimously elected.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. W. M. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

St. Louis, January 8, 1875.

The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Association, and find the same correct, and properly substantiated by vouchers for all disbursements made.

W. M. SMITH,
W. S. STEWART,
W. M. SAMUEL.

Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer, Mr. R. R. Hutchinson, read his report of the financial condition of the Association, which was, on motion of Mr. Alfred Carr, accepted.

The President, Mr. S. M. Dodd, read the report of the Board of Directors for the year ending December 31, 1874, giving a summary of the operations of the Association. The report, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Walter M. Smith offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Charter authorized by late act of the Legislature be accepted.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of five Trustees, as authorized by said amendment.

The following gentlemen were elected Trustees: Messrs. Jas. E. Yeatman, Jno. T. Douglass, Jno. H. Beach, R. M. Scruggs. J. B. S. Lemoine.

Mr. J. H. Alexander offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the President on behalf of the Board of Directors, just submitted, gives us as much surprise as gratification at the prosperity of the affairs of the Mercantile Library Association during the past year. Its statistics show a marked increase in value of the property of the Association, as well as an enhancement of the interest taken in the advantages of the Library, by the attendance in its rooms of readers and visitors, and the number of volumes taken out—an increase that could hardly have been anticipated if our judgment were to be governed by the financial condition during the past year of those who largely constitute its membership; and the thanks of the Association are justly merited by the President and members of the Board of Directors, whose labors have contributed so greatly to the above results.

Mr. Jno. W. Luke offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Mercantile Library Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the Hon. J. R. Shepley, for his services in furnishing the Board of Directors with the draft of the recent amendment to its charter, and also to the Hon. Truman A. Post, for the successful passage of same through the Legislature.

Mr. M. N. Burchard offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the city papers for publication, and that one thousand copies of the Annual Report, including these proceedings, be printed for gratuitous distribution.

The following communication was received from Committee of Ways and Means:

ST. Louis, January 12, 1875.

The Committee of Ways and Means have decided to offer the Catalogues remaining unsold, at three dollars per copy.

W. M. SMITH,
W. S. STEWART,
W. M. SAMUEL.

Committee.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. R. M. Scruggs, the meeting adjourned.

JOHN T. DOUGLASS, Chairman.

E. C. ROBBINS, J. S. J. MILLER. Secretaries.

# ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the Mercantile Library Association.

GENTLEMEN,—It being the province of the Board of Directors to make an annual statement to the Association of its condition, we take pleasure in presenting the following statistics as evidence of our prosperity and usefulness:

The Treasurer's Report, just read and approved, gives you in detail the receipts and expenditures during the year and the present financial condition of our Association.

In a more condensed form the Committee on Ways and Means report receipts from membership, \$12,224.75; rents, \$19,116.80; other sources, \$2249.23; bills payable, \$10,563.79—total, \$44,154.57.

It is proper to state that a large proportion of the bills payable account is made up from the following items, contracts for which were made previous to the year just closed, and paid during the year 1874: Catalogue, \$4,737.75; hall repairs, \$2,119.45; new book cases, \$1,202.50; binding account, \$728.10—total, \$8,787.80.

There being at this date no outstanding open accounts against the Association, the bills payable account \$10,563.79, represents your entire floating debt. The Committee have so arranged for the payment of this debt, that with proper exertion on the part of the officers of the Association, and the earnest co-operation of its members, we trust we can commence the next year free from any floating debt, and pay \$4,000 of its bonded debt, due the 1st day of August next.

# LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

During the year, 132,175 volumes have been issued to members, an increase of 10,279 over the previous year, giving you an evidence

of the fact that there is an increasing interest among its patrons. 763 visitors' tickets have been issued to non-residents, introduced by members and subscribers, giving to the recipients the privilege of the Library, for thirty days. The freedom of the Lbrary was extended to several public assemblies which have held their meetings in this city. In March last an upper tier of bookcases was erected on the north side of the library room, giving ample accommodations for our present wants, and such additions as may be made to the Library during the next two years. The cost of these eight cases, with balcony and stairs complete, was \$1,202.50. The reading room has been well supplied with all the principal newspapers, magazines, and reviews, both foreign and domestic, and the attendance of readers we are gratified to say, has been largely in excess of previous years.

Our new classified Catalogue was completed and placed upon the tables in the Library on the 18th day of April, last. This invaluable work cost us \$8,170.75. Of the one thousand copies printed we regret to say we have thus far, been able to dispose of but 156 copies at five dollars each, realizing \$880.00; the balance, \$7,290.75 has been paid from the regular receipts of the Association.

The cost of the Catalogue was largely in excess of the estimate, and the sales were much smaller, hence a heavy item, more than \$3000, which had to be met from the ordinary revenue of the Association, during the year. We earnestly request the members to purchase a copy of the Catalogue, and thus reimburse the Association for its heavy outlay. It was estimated that at least five hundred copies would be subscribed for, and in anticipation of this demand, one thousand were ordered.

An Alphabetical and Classified Card Catalogue, of all additions to the Library, has been so arranged as to place it at the inspection of all members and visitors, affording them at all times a perfect and complete catalogue to date.

Periodicals bound	688.50
	4,573.37
The value of books presented	1,225.91
Total	.5,799.28

Among the valuable works acquired, of much interest, is a splendid copy of Gavard's "Galeries Historiques de Versailles," in 13 volumes, beautifully illustrated. We have endeavored to add all new works of interest as soon as published, and to supply the demand for the same, as far as our means would permit.

## MEMBERSHIP.

During the year there were enrolled 606 new members, making a total membership of 4,446; of which there are 18 honorary members; 660 life members; 727 proprietors; 1,511 clerks; 1,530 beneficiaries. The withdrawals during the year, from various causes, were excessively large, and number 358, leaving a net gain of 248 members for the year. Many of the withdrawals were caused by removals from the city, and we have to mourn the loss of an unusual number by death.

The membership has not increased as largely as we could wish, although considerable effort has been put forth by members of your Board. This is owing somewhat to the dullness of the times; but we would urge upon our fellow-members of the Association, to render us their earnest co-operation in bringing in new members. There is scarcely a member that could not influence one or more persons to join us, and we trust that during the coming year we may be largely benefited by their active services.

# LECTURES.

The net profit from lectures during the year has been \$817.75. Prof. R. A. Proctor delivered a course of interesting and popular lectures on Astronomy, under the joint auspices of our Association and the Washington University, opening his course on Thursday evening, February 19; Subject: "The Sun." February 20, "The Family of Planets;" February 23, "Comets and Meteors;" February 25, "Moon and Transit of Venus;" February 26, "Wonders of the Starry Depths;" February 27, "The Evolutions of Planetary Systems."

These lectures netted each of us \$500.

Canon Charles Kingsley accepted an invitation, and on May 4, delivered his celebrated lecture on "Westminster Abbey." The weather was very warm and the audience not as large as we had every reason to expect; but, notwithstanding all drawbacks, the lecture netted \$317,25.

# HALL AND BUILDING.

The grand hall has been painted at an expense of \$863.75, and the reading room has been painted and frescoed, at an expense of \$450.

# AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with the resolutions adopted at the last annual meeting, your Board procured from the Legislature at its session last winter, the following amendment to your charter, which we submit for your acceptance at this meeting. It will be necessary, by the terms of this amendment that you elect five trustees, to assist in the management and control of our valuable property, to be selected from the ex-Presidents and ex-Vice-Presidents of the Association.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association," approved February 16, 1847.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. The charter of said corporation is hereby amended by adding thereto the following provisions: The real estate belonging to said corporation shall be managed and controlled, except as hereinafter mentioned, by a board of five trustees, members of said corporation, who shall be elected at an annual meeting, or any meeting specially called for that purpose. Those only are eligible to be elected to said board of trustees who have been, and who have ceased to be President or Vice-President of said corporation, and at the time of their election are residents of the county of St. Louis, and said trustees shall not then, nor during their term of office, be members of the Board of Directors of said corporation. No con-

veyance in fee, mortgage, or deed of trust, in the nature of a mort gage, nor lease for a longer period than ten years, shall be made of any real estate belonging to said corporation, unless the same shall be ordered to be made by the Board of Directors, three-fourths of the whole number of the members composing said board voting therefor, nor unless the same shall also be concurred in by at least four of said board of trustees, when it shall be the duty of the members composing said board of trustees to execute such conveyance, lease, mortgage, or deed of trust, and affix the seal of said corporation thereto; Provided, however, That the said Board of Directors, as to all leases of any real estate for a period of less than ten years, shall use and enjoy the same powers that they possessed before the passage of this act. The said trustees shall severally hold their offices while they reside in the county of St. Louis, and any vacancy caused by death, resignation, removal from the county of of St. Louis, incapacity to serve as such trustee, shall be filled by the remaining trustees. A copy of the minutes of said Board of Directors of any such order certified by the Secretary of said corporation, to be a true copy of such order, and annexed to the deed, shall be evidence of the action of said board. The first election of said board of trustees shall be made at the annual meeting of said corporation, at or next after the acceptance of this amendment by said corporation, or at any meeting called for the purpose of seeing whether said corporation will accept this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. Approved March 28, 1874.

Office of Secretary of State, City of Jefferson, Mo.

I, Eugene F. Weigel, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the annexed pages contain a true, complete and full copy of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, entitled:

An act to amend an act entitled, "An act to incorporate the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association," approved February 16, 1847. Approved March 28, 1874.

As appears by comparing the same with the original roll of said act, now on file, as the law directs, in this office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done at office, this seventh day of August, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

[Signed]

EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Secretary of State.

Your thanks are due Mr. J. R. Shepley, for drafting the amendment to our Constitution, and to the Hon. Truman A. Post, for the successful passage of the same through the Legislature.

The Mercantile Library Association of St. Louis, is an institution of which the public should feel justly proud, and it should meet with their encouragement and co-operation.

There are a large number of clerks, and young men in other capacities, in the city who are not members, and we earnestly urge upon the merchants, manufacturers, and others, the importance of having their young men connected with them associated with the Library and brought under its beneficent influences.

To your Librarian, Mr. Jno. N. Dyer, is due very largely our success; he still is, as he always has been, entirely devoted and untiring in energy to all of your interests. His assistants also deserve commendation and praise for their zeal in performing their duties.

We are pleased to say the year has been one of substantial progress, and may we not say, also, that your Association is fulfilling the destiny marked out for it by its liberal founders and supporters.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Directory.

SAM'L M. DODD, President.

# NAMES OF DONORS.

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No. of Volu	mes.
Argentine Government	4
Blair, Hon. F. P	1
Board of Education of Connecticut	2
Briggs, Daniel B	1
British Government	132
Broadhead, G. C	2
Brown, J. D	2
Buffalo Board of Trade	1
Chase, Dr. H. S	9
Clark, N. H	5
Clemens, J. B	I
Dillon, John A	7
Dyer, Lieut A. B	I
Fach, Chas	1
Farrar, Benj	I 2
Hartford Young Mens' Institute	I
Harris, William T	I
Hill, Wm. H	I
Indiana, Public Library of	I
Keim, I. H	2
McKee & Houser	2
Michigan, State of	3
New York, Produce Exchange	2
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" Board of Health	I
Perry, Rev. W. S	3
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San Francisco Mercantile Library	I
Schaumburg, Wright	1
Schwartz, J	1
Tiffany, J. K	I
Turner, Chas. H	16
United States Government	80
"Unknown"	13
Woodward, Tiernan & Hale	I
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# CASH ACCOUNT.

CREDIT.	Dec. 31, 1874—By Advertising   \$ 195 97     By Books	\$46.512 07
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# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

St. Louis, January 12th, 1875.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements during the year ending December 31st, 1874, and also showing the present financial condition of the Association, viz:

Exhibit "A"-Cash Account.

Exhibit "B"-Balance Sheet.

Exhibit "C"-Profit and Loss Account.

# EXHIBIT "A." CASH ACCOUNT.

CREDIT.	Dec. 31, 1874—By Advertising   3, 196 37     By Books   3, 196 37     Bills payable   4,018 40     Binding and repairing Books   1, 268 95     Classified Catalogue   345 75     Interest   1,769 68     Hall Expenses   3,351 43     Insurance   1,662 50     Librarians   1,662 50     Librarians   1,662 50     Lectures   2,553 45     Lectures   8,710 40     Lights   2,553 45     Lectures   8,710 40     Revapapers   8,92 84     Bonds payable   4,000 00     Mercantie Library Hall Company   1,272 50     Furniture   1,272 50     Fur	\$46.
DEBIT.	Jan. 1, 1874—To Balance, as per last Report\$ 6 58  Dec. 31, "—To Memberships— Initiation Fees	\$46.512 07

# EXHIBIT "B."

SHEET.

BALANCE

DEBIT.	CREDIT.
Dec. 31, 1874—To Books acquired by Purchase	Dec. 31, 1874—By Stock Account\$278,608 68 By Bills Payable
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· Real Estate140,000 00	
" Stage Scenery 970 00	
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# EXITEDIT C.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	CREDIT.	
Dec. 31, 1874—To Postage 67 50 Dec	Dec. 31, 1874—By Initiation Fees\$	580 00
	By Life Members	1.250 00
50	" Proprietors	2.852 50
389 25	Clerks	3.184 25
3.361 43		4.358 00
1,662 50		5.265 00
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R. R. HUTCHINSON, Treasurer.



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# St. Louis Mercantile Library,

S W. Corner Fifth and Locust Streets.

# TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Any person engaged in mercantile pursuits, as a PROPRIE-TOR, may become an *active member*, by paying an initiation fee of FIVE DOLLARS, and an annual subscription, payable in advance, of FIVE DOLLARS.

Any person similarly engaged, as a CLERK, may become an active member, by paying an initiation fee of TWO DOLLARS, and an annual subscription of THREE DOLLARS.

All persons not engaged in mercantile pursuits, including ladies, students, and others, may become BENEFICIARIES, by paying FIVE DOLLARS annually, in advance.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP, FIFTY DOLLARS

# THE LIBRARY

Now contains upwards of FORTY-TWO THOUSAND VOL-UMES, to which all new works of general interest are added promptly, and in numbers proportionate to the demand.

# THE READING ROOM

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## COMMITTEES FOR 1874.

# Ways and Means.

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H. S. BROWN,

# Hall and Building.

S. M. DODD,

W. M. SMITH,

R. R. HUTCHINSON.

# PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

1846–7	JAMES E. YEATMAN.
1848-9	ALFRED VINTON.
1850-1	H. E. BRIDGE.
1852	HENRY D. BACON.
1853	
1854-5	J. T. DOUGLASS.
1856	W. M. MORRISON.
1857	JOHN W. LUKE.
1858	M. V. L. McCLELLAND
1859-60	J. B. S. LEMOINE.
1861	ALFRED CARR.
1862-3	JOHN H. BEACH.
1864-5	CHARLES MILLER.
1866-7	GEO. R. ROBINSON.
1868-9	LAFAYETTE WILSON.
1870-1	RICHARD M. SCRUGGS
1872-2	CHARLES SPECK.

# BOARDS OF

YEAR	PRESIDENT.	VICE-PRESIDENT.	TREASURER.	REC. SECRETARY.	COR. S
1846	Jas. E. Yeatman	L. M. Kennett	R. K. Woods	J. A. Dougherty	S. A. Ra
1847	Jas. E. Yeatman	Alfred Vinton	R. M. Renick	R. W. Ayers	S. A. Ra
1848	Alfred Vinton	W. M. Morrison	William H. Rice	John Halsall	R. M. R
1849	Alfred Vinton	H. E. Bridge	William H. Rice	W. P. Cowles	Edmund
1850	H. E. Bridge	Edmund Bacon	S. C. Stewart	C. R. Stinde	G. R. Re
1851	H. E. Bridge	C. R. Stinde J. H. Alexander*	J. Wilmer Stith	J. A. Allen	G. R. Rc
1852	Henry D. Bacon	J. H. Alexander	JWilmer Stith	Theo. Clark	M. V. L.
1853	J. H. Alexander	J. T. Douglass	W. E. Sell	A. Pearce	M. V. L.
1854	J. T. Douglass	R. M. Renick	Thomas Brown	Jas. R. Larkin	<b>w. H.</b> G
1855	J. T. Douglass	M. V. L. McClelland.	Thomas Brown	C. L. Rogers	J. D. St
1856	W. M. Morrison	Alexis Mudd John W. Luke*	Edward P. Curtis	J. D. Taylor	J. D. S Geo. R.
1857	John W. Luke	L. H. Terry	Edward P. Curtis H. A. Conant*	L. C. Billon	J. Wilm
1858	M. V. L. McClelland.	J. B. S. Lemoine	Geo. H. Loker	C. W. Marsh	G. R. W
1859	J. B. S. Lemoine	R. H. Davis	Samuel Copp, Jr	John W. Clark	Altred (
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1861	Alfred Carr	C. W. Marsh	B. M. Runyan	Archie Robinson H. C. Marston*	Charles
1862	John H. Beach	Charles Miller	John E. Yore	H. C. Marston	C. L. T
1863	John H. Beach	Charles Miller	John E. Yore	J. G. Catlin	C. L. T.
1864	Charles Miller	Henry Senter	John E. Yore	J. G. Catlin	L. Wils
1865	Charles Miller	Henry Senter	John E. Yore	W. A. Kingdon C. R. Goodin*	L. Wils
1866	Geo. R. Robinson	L. Wilson	W. H. Thomson	C. R. Goodin	T. G. 1 M. N. I
1867	Geo. R. Robinson	L. Wilson	W. H. Thomson	John H. Tracy	M. N. 1
1868	Lafayette Wilson	S. M. Dodd	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	A. P. S
1869	Lafayette Wilson	S. M. Dodd	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	A. P. S
1870	R. M. Scruggs	Charles Speck	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	M. N. I
1871	R. M. Scruggs	Charles Speck	H. H. Wernse	John H. Tracy	<b>M. N.</b> 1
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1873	Charles Speck	James P. Fiske† W. M. Smith*	R. R. Hutchinson	John H. Tracy G. W. Ware*	Joseph

Note.—Names in italics, resigned. Those marked

# DIRECTION.

Y.	DIRECTORS.	LIBRARIAN.
	John C. Tevis, W. M. Morrison, Peter Powell, George K. Budd, Alex. Peterson, Robert Barth, Joseph F. Franklin.	Josiah Dent.
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••••	A. Osgood, R. M. V. Kercheval, R. G. Robinson, J. Morrisse, S. N. Kellogg, J. T. Chappell, O. W. Child.	William P. Curtis.
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and.	J. T. Douglass, J. O'Neil. C. E. King, W. E. Sell. J. H. Avery, C. Enslin, Solon Humphreys, H. W. Birge.*	William P. Curtis.
and.	Solon Humphreys. R. D. Van Nostrand, J. J. Cartledge, John Goodin, C. E. King, W. H. Gilman, H. W. Birge.	William P. Curtis.
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••••	J. H. Larkin, G. P. Doan. J. Smith, Jr., C. M. McClung, G. Collier, A. M. Waterman, J. H. McCulloch.	William P. Curtis.
 n*	L. H. Terry, J. O. Alter, J. W. Stith, C. E. King, F. W. Luke, A. H. Smith, G. R. Baker, W. D. W. Barnard,* J. B. S. Lemoine.*	William P. Curtis.
	J. B. S. Lemoine, J. D. Taylor, J. Christopher, W. F. Rœver. A. H. Smith, C. F. Vanderford, Aug. Knight, S. R. Clark, * A. O. Grubb.*	William P. Curtis.
••••	J. Christopher, J. A. Brownlee, R. H. Davis, F. R. Alexander, S. R. Clark, Sol. Scott, Jr., G. W. Tracy, L. Kingsland.*	William P. Curtis.
••••	Calvin W. Marsh, John H. Siegrist, Sol. Scott, Jr., I. V. W. Dutcher, F. R. Alexander, W. C. Buchanan, L. Kingsland.	Ed. W. Johnston.
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••••	John H. Beach, George D. Hall, W. A. Moffett,* J. R. Evans, Daniel Gilchrist, O. B. Filley, C. W. Keiser, H. C. Marston, John E. Yore.*	Ed. W. Johnston.
••••	W. A. Moffett, Jas. S. Wilgus, Henry Senter, O. B. Filley, G. W. Parker, J. M. Hanson, John R. Lionberger.	John N. Dyer.
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	John R. Lionberger, John Whittaker, <i>Henry Senter</i> , J. M. Hanson, S. M. Dodd, John Bogg,* Wallace Delafield, W. H. H. Pettus.	John N. Dyer.
	C. R. Stinde, Edward Wilkerson, R. D. Van Nostrand, S. M. Dodd, Wallace Delafield, W. H. H. Pettus, M. N. Burchard.	John N. Dyer.
	C. R. Stinde, Ed. Wilkerson, R. D. Van Nostrand, S. M. Dodd, Theo. G. Meier, J. S. Walsh, L. Fusz,* B. W. Lewis, Jr., M. N. Burchard.	John N. Dyer.
	Theo. G. Meier, R. M. Scruggs. H. T. Simon, Julius S. Walsh, R. W. Church, Jas. N. Norris, <i>Henry A. True</i> , Andrew Wilson.*	John N. Dyer.
••••	R. M. Scruggs, Henry T. Simon, L. A. Moffett, R. W. Church, J. N. Norris, C. R. Garrison, Van Leer Runyan.*	John N. Dyer.
••••	R. M. Scruggs, L. A. Moffett, C. R. Garrison, James P. Fiske, Charles Speck, John S. J. Miller.	John N. Dyer.
	J. P. Fiske, Fred Hawes, Frank Carter, R. M. Scruggs, Charles Speck, J. S. J. Miller, Henry T. Simon, Lorraine F. Jones, * James O. Carson.	John N. Dyer.
	John S. J. Miller, Henry T. Simon. Frank Carter, Walter M. Smith, A. W. Mitchell, W. S. Stewart, J. C. Ewald.	John N. Dyer.
••••	John'S. J. Miller, Walter M. Smith, W. S. Stewart, A. W. Mitchell, J. C. Ewald, Chas. E. Barney, L. E. Alexander.	John N. Dyer.
••••	W. S. Stewart, L. E. Alexander, W. M. Samuel, P. C. Moffett, C. E. Barney, W. H. Waters, W. B. Haseltine.	John N. Dyer.

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#### TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

January 13, 1874.

Rooms of Mercantile Library Association, St. Louis, Mo., January 13, 1874.

The twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association was called to order by Charles Speck, President.

Mr. Charles Miller was nominated for chairman and Messrs. T. A. Stoddart and J. E. Firth for Secretaries, and unanimously elected.

On motion of John W. Luke, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

S. M. Dodd, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

St. Louis, January 12, 1874.

The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Association, and find the same correct, and properly substantiated by vouchers for all disbursements made.

S. M. Dodd,
WILL S. STEWART. Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer. Mr. R. R. Hutchinson, read his report of the financial condition of the association, which was, on motion of Alfred Carr. accepted.

The President Charles Speck, read the report of the Board of Directors for the year ending Dec. 31. 1873, giving a summary of the operations of the association. The report on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Ino. W. Luke offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That the continued prosperity of the Mercantile Library Association is evident from the reports of the Treasurer and President, which have just been submitted. They exhibit the result of the assidnous labors of the President and Board of Directors during the past year, and to them, for their services, the sincere thanks of the members of the association are hereby tendered.

#### Mr. O. F. Rice offered the following:

Resolved. That the incoming Board of Directors be instructed to procure from the Legislature now in session, if possible, the amendment to the charter of this Association, as recommended in the annual report.

Mr. Lafavette Wilson offered the following:

Resolved. That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished to the city papers for publication, and that one thousand copies of the annual report, including these proceedings. be printed for gratuitous distribution.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

CHARLES MILLER, Chairman.

Thos. A. Stoddart, Secretaries. John E. Firth,

# ANNUAL REPORT.

St. Louis, January 13th, 1874.

Gentlemen:—In laying before you the statement of the history and condition of our Association for the past year, it gives me great pleasure to call your attention to the evidences of uninterrupted prosperity and of increased usefulness.

That part of our bonded debt which became due during the year, amounting to \$5,520.00, including interest, was paid at maturity; and, from the Treasurer's Report just read, you have a statement of the various receipts and disbursements during the same period. You will notice how large a part of the revenue necessary to support our institution is derived from rentals from stores on the ground floor of our library building. Without this aid, we should be compelled to materially reduce our usefulness, or depend on the liberality of our public-spirited citizens to supply the funds necessary to keep up our library to its present condition.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

Our membership aggregates 4,198 at present, of which there are 18 honorary members, 636 life members, 725 proprietors, 1,403 clerks, and 1,416 beneficiaries. This increase of 264 will appear quite satisfactory when we consider the extreme stringency of the times for so large a portion of the year; and, for that reason, no special effort was made, nor did any outside circumstances aid to swell the number of our members.

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#### LECTURES.

For the first time, intring a number of years, our lecture account scens a profit amounting to \$592.97. This result may be attributed to the new system your directory felt compelled to adopt after reversed losses it sustained from lectures during former seasons. Denne the last year we have abstained from engaging any lecturer at stated terms, but arranged with them to share the net gains in such proportion as their respective merits and reputation as popular lecturers might justify: and we recommend to our successors to siliere to this rule, except in rare cases. The first lecture of the year was given on the 10th of January. by Miss Olive Logan, on "Successful Women;" the next two lectures were by Rev. Henry Fard Beecher, on the 26th and 27th of February; for his subjects chose "Manhood and Money," and "Compulsory Education," as might have been expected, he brought together crowded ences. On April 29th, Miss Neilson gave you a most charm-Dramatic and Poetic Reading, with which she delighted a very house. Last upon the lecture programme came Mrs. Harriet scher Stowe, with select readings from her own writings. It is with no small degree of satisfaction your directory informs

you that, in conjunction with the Washington University, it has extended an invitation to one of the most eminent students of and authors on Astronomy—namely, Professor R. A. Proctor, of England, to deliver a course of lectures upon Astronomy before a St. Louis public, to commence on the 19th of February next. We feel confident this distinguished savan will be welcomed by large and appreciative audiences, such as his high reputation entitles him to. These lectures will be made the more attractive as well as instructive, as the Professor will bring his astronomical apparatus from Europe for the purpose of illustrating the same.

#### AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

Your revenue has been increased to the amount of \$759 during the past year by two Amateur theatrical performances given in our hall on the nights of the 6th and 8th of November by a number of ladies and gentlemen of this city, who kindly contributed in that manner, to pay for the improvements made in the Grand Hall.

#### NEW CATALOGUE.

The great event of this year's progress has been the success with which, at last, the attempt to get a new Catalogue has been crowned. For this result the Association is indebted, to a great extent, to Messrs. Walter M. Smith, Jno. S. J. Miller, and J. C. Ewald, who, on the 28th day of February last, addressed to your Board a note proposing to assist in raising the means needed to defray the expenses of its compilation and publication. In accordance with the suggestions contained in their note, the Board appointed the following named gentlemen a committee to dispose of a sufficient number of life memberships, etc., to obtain the needed amount, viz.: Messrs. Walter M. Smith, R. M. Scruggs, J. C. Ewald, Jno. M. Krum, C. O. Dutcher, H. H. Wernse, W. H. Pulsifer, W. H. Maurice, Jno. H. Beach, Alfred Carr, Geo. Bain, A. W. Mitchell, R. M. Hubbard, J. S. J. Miller, J. T. Howenstein, and Oscar Lowe. Through the exertions of these gentlemen eighty life memberships were disposed of, for which they paid the sum of

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\$4,000 into your treasury. We also received \$250 for five life memberships directly subscribed for that account; also, \$244 cash donations, and one hundred and forty-seven subscribers for copies of the Catalogue when completed — making a total of \$5,229 to pay for the much needed Catalogue.

The work of compilation commenced on the 1st day of May, and to-day we have the pleasure of laying before you the finished impressions of pages 1 to 340. This includes all the books in the classes of History and Philosophy, and works on Poetry and the Fine Arts—the works of Prose Fiction, and Polygraphs alone remaining to be printed. The typographical execution of the work is all that could be desired, and reflects the greatest credit on the Democrat Lithographing & Printing Co., which has, thus far, carried out its contract with scrupulous fidelity.

The classification of the old Catalogue has been simplified by the abolition of many of the former classes, while, in some cases, it has been found necessary to add new classes in order to provide for extensions made in sciences and discoveries. The Classified Catalogue will be supplemented by an index of all authors. The very large classes of works in Biography and Prose Fiction will have a catalogue of the authors and titles. These features will not only render the Catalogue most admirably adapted for the convenience and use of the members of the Library, but will place it, in point of fullness and thoroughness, beyond that of any library of its size. The number of classes, on the whole, however, has been largely reduced; such changes have been effected only by the most patient care, and by a thorough revision of the whole Library; and, in view of the results obtained, the time spent on it can not be called excessive. It will not be necessary for many years to print anything more than an annual supplement, unless some unexpected accession should greatly enlarge our collection. We may expect the printing of the Catalogue to be finished in a few days, after which the index to same will at once be commenced; and this, together with the binding, will be completed by the latter part of next month.

#### BOOKS.

The number of books has increased by 1,278 volumes, making the whole number now in the Library 40,440.

The many expenses, which are more specifically alluded to in the report of the Treasurer, rendered it necessary for your Board to restrict itself in the purchase of books only to such as had a value for the most pressing requirements of the Library. We are obliged to keep our readers well supplied with copies of the new works of fiction, as well as of those in all branches of light literature; the popular works on science also are indispensable, and generally the noticeable new books are expected and exacted by the patrons of the Library.

We are also indebted to private generosity for many valuable contributions to our collection, details of which will be found in the report herewith submitted.

Funds obtained from subscribers for that special object have been invested in German literature, and that branch of our Library is steadily increasing, and the funds thus derived will continue to be invested for that purpose.

In addition to the books, new and old, which have been placed on the shelves, we may claim to have largely increased the number of books in reach of the members by putting in their proper places on the new Catalogue the names of the books which, during the last fifteen years, have been accessible only by means of the manuscript Catalogue.

It will be time to estimate this advantage of the new Catalogue after it has been completed and placed in the hands of the members; but, without waiting for this, we have bound the proof-sheets, as fast as they were printed, and have placed them in the Library.

#### HALL IMPROVEMENTS.

Very desirable improvements, involving an expenditure of \$2,619.15, have been made during last summer in the Grand Hall, the floor of which has been raised, so that at present the stage can be seen equally well from all parts of the hall. The stage has been enlarged and otherwise improved, and the centre chandelier replaced by a silver-plated Reflector, which has not only materially improved the light, but also the acoustic properties of the room.

By these changes, for the planning and superintending of which

the Association is indebted to Mr. Henry G. Isaacs, the well-known architect, the Grand Hall is at once placed beyond all competition in this city for entertainments that attract large audiences.

Had we foreseen anything like the "panic times," under which we now review our past action, it is probable that your Board would not have gone to the expense of these improvements when it did; but these changes have added so much to the comfort of those who attend the various exercises in the hall, and have already increased its revenue to a degree that justifies us in regarding it as a judicious investment of money.

During this past year your Association has lost one of its warmest friends and most efficient officers, Mr. James P. Fiske, the Vice-President, who died on the 11th of May last, in the prime of life and the height of his usefulness. The vacancy in the Board caused by this sad event was filled by the directory electing Mr. Samuel M. Dodd to the Vice-Presidency.

Mr. Jno. H. Tracy, Recording Secretary, resigned during the last year, and his place was filled by the election of Mr. Geo. W. Ware.

In accordance with the instructions given to your Board at the last annual meeting, inquiries were made as to the feasibility of obtaining the privilege of putting up a new building for the library in the Missouri Park. Eminent lawyers were first consulted as to the right of the city to grant such privilege—they reporting such grant would be illegal, the subject, of course, had to be abandoned.

At the same meeting, the motion to transfer the title of the Association's real estate to trustees, was postponed for future action. In the meantime, your Board has had the matter under consideration, and acting under the advice of legal counsel, we would recommend that you have our charter so amended by the Legislature that transfer of title to real estate or leases for same for a period of ten or more years can be made only with the consent of a Board of Trustees, to consist of five members, to be chosen from the ex-Presidents and Vice-Presidents. Thus the title would remain where it now is, while at the same time all the safeguards would be thrown around the property that were sought to be established by the original motion.

To our efficient Librarian, Mr. John N. Dyer, we are greatly indebted, not only for the untiring manner with which he has devoted

himself to the interests of the Library generally, but also for the additional time and care that he has bestowed on the compilation of the new Catalogue. His assistants also deserve much credit for the zeal and energy with which they have performed their duties.

In summing up the year's transactions, with an increase in membership, in attendance, in books; with the various improvements made in the rooms of the Library; with the Catalogue so nearly finished, and our liabilities diminished, may we not justly claim, as this report does at the outset, that the past year has been one of uninterrupted usefulness and continued prosperity?

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Directory.

CHARLES SPECK, President.

#### BOOKS.

The following parties have presented valuable books during the year 1873:

Gen. F. P. Blair,
Jno. A. Dillon,
United States Government,
C. Gardner,
Edwards & Co.,
Gould & Aldrich,
State of Missouri,
Smithsonian Institute,
British Government,
H. Probasco,
Phila. Mercantile Library,
Phila. Library Company,
New York State Library,
E. C. Hutchinson,

Mrs. W. C. Carr,
Fairmount Park Committee,
Silas Bent,
Dr. J. S. Newberry,
Peabody Library,
Jno. J. O'Neill,
Andrew A. Blair,
J. G. Brinckle,
A. R. Smith,
State of Wisconsin,
State of Illinois,
B. A. Hill,
Chas. G. Ramsey,
T. W. Hoit,

#### PAMPHLETS.

Baltimore Mercantile Library,
Boston Mercantile Library,
Boston Public Library,
Chicago Public Library,
Cincinnati Mercantile Library,
Cincinnati Public Library,
New York Mercantile Library,
Philadelphia Library Company,
Philadelphia Mercantile Library,
Pittsburgh Mercantile Library,
San Francisco Mercantile Library,
St. Louis Public School Library,
Worcester Public Library.

# TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

ST. Louis, January 13th, 1874.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit the following report of my receipts and disbursements during the year ending December 31st, 1873; and also showing the present financial condition of the Association, viz:

Exhibit "A"—Cash Account.
Exhibit "B"—Balance Sheet.
Exhibit "C"—Profit and Loss Account.

EXHIBIT "A."

## Treasurer's Cash Account, Year Ending December 31st, 1873.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Jan. 1.  To Balance as per last Annual Report, \$ 16 26 Dec. 31.  To Memberships— Initiation Fees. \$ 526 00 Life Members. 4,000 00 Proprietors. 2,045 00 Clerks. 3,078 00 Beneficiaries. 3,093 00  To Hall Rents— Grand Hall. \$4,379 00 Ante Rooms. 138 00 Hall Stores. 12,050 80  To Amateur Theatricals. 1,19 50 Bills Payable. 2,800 00 Cash Donations. 244 00 Fines for Damages & Det. of Books 300 03 Lectures. 5,344 00 John N. Dyer, Cash Advanced. 742 43	Books
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# EXHIBIT "B."

## Balance Sheet.

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# EXHIBIT "C."

# Profit and Loss Account.

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#### TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# Saint Fonis Mercantile Fibrany Association,

WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAS. SPECK, PRESIDENT.

# ROOMS OF MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 14th, 1873.

Mr. J. B. S. Lemoine was nominated for chairman, and Messrs. M. S. Wasson and J. R. Shaler for secretaries, and unanimously elected. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer, Mr. R. R. HUTCHINSON, read his report of the financial condition of the Association, which was, on motion, accepted.

Mr. J. P. Fiske, of the Committee of Ways and Means, made the following report:

MERCANTILE LIBRARY,

St. Louis, January 11th, 1873.

The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Association, and they find the same correct, and properly substantiated by vouchers for all disbursements made.

On motion the report was adopted.

The President, Chas. Speck, read the report of the Board of Directors, for the year, ending Dec. 31st, 1872, giving a summary of the operations of the Association, and a statement of its present condition, and its future wants and prospects. The report, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Walter M. Smith offered a resolution requesting the Board of

Directors to close the Library and Reading Room on Sunday, for the reason that there had been a poor attendance, and that the Association could not afford the expense.

Mr. A. W. MITCHELL, offered the following as a substitute:

Whereas, The Board of Directors, at a regular meeting in June last, decided to open the Library and Reading Room on Sunday, for the benefit of its members, and so ordered, and

Whereas, The number availing themselves of the privilege thus extended has been but a very meagre proportion of the membership, demonstrating the fact that the movement has not met with the popular sympathy of the Association. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and are hereby requested to close the Library on Sunday from and after this date.

Remarks on the resolution and substitute were made by Mr. J. W. LUKE, Judge Speck, Mr. McAdam, Mr. Wilson and others.

Mr. Luke asked how many had attended the Library on Sundays since the order for opening on that day had been made.

Mr. W. M. Smith made a report to the effect that from Sunday, June 9th to Sunday Dec. 29th, 1872, there had attended 115 proprietors, 792 clerks, 640 beneficiaries, and 532 visitors, making in all 2080, and an average of 713.

Mr. Speck said he had made an estimate that the expense for opening on Sunday was not over thirty or forty dollars per month.

On motion, the substitute of Mr. MITCHELL was adopted.

Mr. R. R. Hutchinson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be recommended to keep the reading room open on Sunday during such hours as they may judge best, and to employ some one other than the Librarians to attend as guardian of the property of the Association.

On motion, the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. W. M. SMITH, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our thanks are due Messrs. Dyer, Anderson and Yeatman, for the cheerful alacrity with which they have responded to the request of the Board to act alternately as custodians of the Library on Sunday.

Mr. John H. Beach, offered the following:

Resolved, That the labors of the President and Board of Directors, who have so managed the affairs of this Association during the past year as to result in a gain of \$17,436 40, evidences the faithful manner in which they have discharged the trust confided to them, and that the warmest thanks of the members are hereby deservedly tendered to them for their services.

The resolution, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. D. H. McAdam offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The safety of the property of this Association, as well as its general interest and future growth, demand the erection of a suitable building for the Library and its adjuncts, nearer the social centre of the city, and where it will be free from the constant danger of fire; and

Whereas, There is reason to believe that the City Council of the City of St. Louis would be willing to permit this Association to erect such a building in the centre of Missouri Park, on a fair and liberal arrangement, and that there are no valid legal objections to such an arrangement, as such a building could not be considered in conflict with the dedication of the square for Park purposes; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of this Association are hereby requested to take the matter under immediate consideration, and that negotiations be opened with the Mayor and the Committee on Parks and Public Grounds of the City Council, with a view to consummating the arrangement above indicated, and that said Committee report to an adjourned meeting of the members of the Association.

After some discussion, the resolution was passed.

Mr. J. W. Luke offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby given to the President and Members of the Caledonian Society, for the beautiful bust of Sir Walter Scott, to which the President has alluded in his report, and which now adorns our rooms. For a gift so appropriate we can hardly sufficiently express our thanks, when we consider also the other favors for which we are indebted to them, we must ackowledge the Society as among the warmest friends of our Association.

Mr. Chas. Miller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Association do now proceed to nominate a list of three persons for Recording Secretary and fifteen persons for Directors, from which list tickets may be made up for the ensuing election. One Recording Secretary and five Directors to be elected; provided, that no member shall be elegible for nomination unless he be pledged to serve if elected.

This resolution was passed, and the following gentlemen were placed in nomination:

For Recording Secretary—Duvall P. Bull, J. C. Ewald, Jno. H. Tracy. For Directors—P. C. Maffltt. M. N. Burchard, W. S. Stewart, Jno. H. Fisse, Jno. S. Hood, Jas. T. Howenstein, Geo. Bain, Joseph A. Wherry, Webb M. Samuel, S. M. Lomax, Wm. H. Waters, Geo. M. Wright, A. B. Cheever, M. S. Wasson, E. Wilkerson.

Mr. MILLER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished to the city papers for publication, and that fifteen hundred copies of the annual report be printed for gratuitous distribution.

The resolution, on motion, was adopted.

Mr. Chas. Speck offered the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That Article II, of our Constitution, beamended by inserting the words "nor shall any vote by proxy be allowed," after the words "at least three months previous to said election."

This amendment was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. A. W. MITCHELL offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be and are hereby instructed to transfer the title to the real estate of this Association to three Trustees, to be selected at this meeting, to be placed under such restrictions and limitations and for such purposes as may be hereafter specified and agreed upon by the Board.

On motion, by Mr. McAdam, the consideration of this resolution was postponed to a meeting to be called by the President after the annual election.

Mr. J. A. Wherry offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That our thanks are hereby given to the White Line Transportation Co., through its agent, Mr. A. E. Peters, for the gratuitous transportation of books from New York during the past year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

J. B. S. LEMOINE,

Chairman.

M. S. Wasson,
Jas. R. Shaler,
Secretaries.

# Annual Report.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

To the members of the Mercantile Library Association:

GENTLEMEN:—Since your last annual meeting, another year has rolled by in the useful career of your Association, and this evening you are again convened to receive from the directory, in whose care you have entrusted the safe-keeping of its welfare, an account of our stewardship, and of the past year's history of the Library—its present condition, and its future wants and prospects.

As required by the provisions of your constitution, your directory herewith begs to lay such report before you:

From the Treasurer's report, just read and approved, you will perceive that the total receipts of the Association, during the twelve months just closed, amounted to \$31,322 54; of this sum, \$16,157 10 was derived from rents of stores and hall, leaving \$15,165 44 as the amount of receipts from membership, lectures, art exhibition and such other sources as spring directly from the Library.

As the actual expenses of the Library amounted to \$27,545 22, not including interest on bonded debt or amount of bonds redeemed, nor real estate repairs or expenditures on property from which income is derived, it will be seen that the Library is far from being a self-sustaining institution, and that it still requires now, as it has done heretofore, all the assistance it derives from renting part of its premises for business purposes.

During the current year the bonded debt of your Association has been reduced from \$22,000 to \$19,000, and the interest on all bonds has been promptly paid at maturity.

On the first of August next, bonds to the amount of \$4,000 will become due, and this payment will have to be provided for out of the regular resources.

During the same period, the sum of \$7,433 18 has been expended

in the purchase of books and other reading matter, and large as this sum may appear when compared with the income from members, it is barely sufficient to supply a reasonable demand. Of some popular and late works, your Librarian provided from twenty to twenty-five duplicates, but still complaints are sometimes made by members that they can not get such books when they call for them.

Since the last annual report, 2180 volumes were acquired by purchase; 2184 volumes, valued at \$12,720 19 were received by donation, and fifty-four volumes of the American Patent Reports, being a complete set, were placed in the Library through the courtesy of Joseph H. Clark, Clerk of the United States District Court, Eastern District. This list also includes 2074 volumes of the British Patent Office Reports, for the years 1848 to 1871, both inclusive, thus completing that series for the period from 1617 to September, 1871. You had heretofore on the shelves of your Library, a complete report of all patents ever issued in this country and in Great Britain—a collection invaluable, not only to the mechanic, the inventor, the architect and the artist for reference, but also for the general student.

Mr. A. E. Peters, the agent of the "White Line Transportation Company," a firm friend of the Library, has again laid us under obligation, by transporting these reports from New York free of charge.

The continued accumulation of books had so overcrowded the cases that it became necessary to increase their number, and eight new ones are now being placed at the north end of the Library room, at right angle with the wall; the room thus gained can be doubled without detracting space from the Library hall, and your directory is of the opinion that this will suffice for the accumulation of books for several years to come.

As in past years, your board has also endeavored, in the present one, to provide the public with additional mental entertainments commensurate with the avowed purposes of our Association. During the lecture season it has invited able and noted lecturers; in November and December it arranged a fine art exhibition that brought together many bright gems of art. For the loan of the latter, your Association is indebted mainly to our own citizens, gentlemen of cultivated tastes, or artists exhibiting their own productions. But other cities, too—New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati—favored us with specimens of paintings that bear proud testimony, in conception as well as in execution, of the standard this branch of the fine arts has already attained in the new world, and the day cannot be very distant, when

the American nation will stand as eminent in the fine arts as it does to-day in all that appertains to material welfare.

From various causes both lectures and exhibition, did not prove a source of revenue but, on the contrary, they resulted in a loss to your treasury.

During the year there were enrolled 686 new members, making the total membership 3934, but we regret to add, that of those there are 120 in arrears with their subscription, leaving the number not in arrears 3814, classified as follows: 550 life members, 720 proprietors, 1314 clerks, and 1212 beneficiaries.

As the city's population is now about 400,000, our membership amounts to less than one per cent. of that aggregate, though it may reasonably be assumed, that the benefits of the library are enjoyed by at least double that number. Will not all of you endeavor to increase our membership during the coming year by making known more generally the inestimable privileges which are within the reach of every one for so small an annual contribution?

The number of volumes taken from the library and consulted in the rooms is largely in excess of any previous year.

Thomas E. Garrett, author of the poem entitled "The Three Stages," which you all had the pleasure of hearing him read, on the evening of the twenty-fifth anniversary, was elected an honorary member by your board.

To the Caledonian Society, of this city, your Association is under renewed obligation for gracefully placing within these walls another enduring monument to the beautiful and ennobling attributes of poetry and song, in the chaste and wonderfully artistic bust of Scotland's loved and honored bard, Sir Walter Scott. What tribute of their affection for the land of their birth, more touching than thus to present to the sons and daughters of the land of their adoption the delicately-wrought marble image of one, who never could inspire in the bosom of any human being, sentiments other than those worthy of the highest emulation—one to whom the world is indebted for those golden words, dear to every true and noble heart,

"Lives there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself has said, This is my own, my native land?"

This bust is by J. Hutchinson, a Scottish sculptor; it is mounted on a pedestal most artistically executed, and placed by the side of that

of Robert Burns, which was so liberally donated by the same society some years ago.

Following the example of several Eastern cities, your Board, since the ninth of June last, has opened the Reading Room and Library on every Sunday from 2 to 9 o'clock p. m., believing that many members, especially young persons who have limited reading facilities at home, would avail themselves of this privilege. Thus far, however, the attendance has not been very large, averaging but little more than fifty members and eighteen visitors each Sunday. Whether this Sunday opening should be continued, and under what rules, would be a proper question for this meeting to decide, as different opinions on the subject prevail within the Board of Directors.

Your Directory would beg to recommend that in consideration of the large value your real estate has attained, it be placed in the hands of three trustees, who should be subject to well-defined restrictions.

We regret to say that thus far we have not been successful in our efforts to secure a suitable building site for the Library; the center part of our city is undergoing so many changes now, that it is difficult to arrive at the proper conclusion as to the best location. In the directory the views on that question differed widely. It was suggested that we should remove beyond Fourteenth street, but in opposition to this it is argued that thereby members from the northern and southern portions of the city would be much inconvenienced, as they reach the Library mainly by the cars of either the Fourth street or Fifth street railroad lines; even persons coming from the western portion would generally have to make use of the cars twice if they desired to stop at the Library on their way to the business center. Your Directory has come to the conclusion, that for some years to come, no location would be as convenient to the greater number of your members as the present one.

Then, too, the financial condition of the Library, for the present at least, seems to place obstacles in the way; you have already been informed that your Association has no available means, that it has a debt of more than twenty thousand dollars, that the income derived from the Library proper amounts to but very little more than one-half the necessary expenditures to maintain it, and you will not fail to see that your Association is absolutely in need of additional revenue to that derived from membership. This we have at our present location, from rents of stores underneath the Library rooms and from the grand hall, which, together amounted to \$16,157 10, during the current year,

and without which we could not have managed at all, although the Library expenses have been kept within the narrowest possible limits.

Valuable as your present site is, it would hardly realize more than new premises would cost, if the improvements are of such a character as the greatness of our city demands.

Within the last few months, members of the Academy of Sciences and of the Historical Society, have expressed their desire to co-operate with your Association in its efforts in this direction, and with a view on their part, to building suitable premises for their societies, in direct connection with the Library building. Whether those societies would be ready to contribute in proportion commensurate to the additional expense necessitated thereby, has not yet transpired.

While your Directory will continue its exertions to carry out the instructions given it by your last meeting, it feels justified in begging your indulgence for the very small progress thus far made.

We continue to receive favorable quarterly reports from the Washington University of the studiousness and progress of Master Edward H. Engler, the present incumbent of the "Wayman Crow Scholarship." He holds a high place in his class.

We cannot close this report without drawing attention to the devoted and untiring manner in which your Librarian and Actuary, John N. Dyer, continues to perform the many and arduous duties of his responsible office. Much of our success is due to his unceasing labors, as also to that of his attentive assistants; to all of them, your warmest thanks are due.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Directory.

CHARLES SPECK,

President.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY, St. Louis, January 14th, 1873.

#### R. R. HUTCHINSON, TREASURER,

In account with the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, for the year ending December 1st, 1872.

## CASH ACCOUNT.

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R. R. Hutchinson, Treasurer.

St. Louis, January 15th, 1873.

The Committee on Ways and Means beg leave to report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Association, and they find the same correct, and properly substantiated by vouchers for all disbursements made.

JAMES P. FISKE, WILL S. STEWART, WALTER M. SMITH. •



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